

COMMUNITY NEWS



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS...The New Season's Study Club culminated the "Adopt an Angel for Christmas" project with a Christmas party honoring the foster children of the community. Pictured are the honored children with Santa and the members of New Season's Study Club.

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Elba COC sponsoring \$2001 giveaway at New Year's celebration

Make plans now to spend New Year's Eve on the Courthouse Square in downtown Elba. The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the second annual "Countdown at the Courthouse" on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Plans are underway to ring out the old and ring in the new with a big celebration. The event is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. on the Courthouse Square. There will be entertainment by local musicians, cloggers, drama teams and singers. In addition, there will be children's activities and various refreshments available for those in attendance.

At the stroke of midnight, a lighted ball will drop from the top of the courthouse. A fireworks display will begin and hundreds of balloons will be released.

As an added feature this year, everyone who purchases a commemorative Elba Christmas ornament will have a ticket entered into a drawing for \$2,001. After the stroke of midnight, a name will be drawn and a lucky winner will be awarded the money. Ornaments are \$15 each and will make perfect

Christmas gifts. The ornaments are available at many locations in town, including Bradley's Florist & Gifts, Briar Patch, Denise's Hair & Nail Salon, Head 2 Toe Salon, Jewel Box, Peoples Bank, SouthTrust Bank and Kleiner's. This year's ornament depicts the historic Pea River Bridge.

Make your plans now to be in Elba on the Courthouse Square to celebrate the beginning of the new year. For further information regarding the New Year's Celebration, please contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

MacArthur to offer Continuing Education courses on the EHS campus

Microsoft Word 97

This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of creating professional word processing documents using Microsoft Word. Students learn how to create letters, newsletters, brochures, tables, mail merge, etc., for personal or professional use with the very powerful and easy to use word processing software. Anyone interested in this course must have previous microcomputer experience. This course will be taught on Monday nights from

5:30-8:30 for 12 weeks at Elba High School. Class begins Jan. 22. The cost of the course is \$100 for tuition. There will be additional costs for books and supplies.

PC Applications

This beginner course introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications in a business-oriented environment. Included in the course is an overview of Windows 95/98, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.

Students enrolling in this course should be familiar with the keyboard and have adequate keyboarding skills. This course will be taught on Tuesday nights from 5:30-8:30 for 12 weeks at Elba High School. Class begins Jan. 23. The cost of the course is \$100 for tuition. There will be additional costs for books and supplies.

For more information or to register for these courses, contact Cindy Clark, (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.



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**Elba's 2000
Christmas**

Reverend Jonas and Virginia Rogers
Son - Jonas Reymar, age 13
Honor student, Jr. Beta Club and 7th grade Basketball team
Daughter - Shalandra, age 23 (not pictured)
Graduate of Elba High and Troy State
now working with Mental Health Center in Huntsville
REV. ROGERS pastors at 1st Baptist Church, Goshen and
Phillips Chapel Baptist Church, Florida
REV. ROGERS is an Elba native, and MRS. ROGERS
was born, raised and educated in Pike County

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

One morning last week we spilled a cup of hot coffee in our lap. And the word hot, as used here, means very hot, fresh out of a very good Mr. Coffee! Actually, when trying to reconstruct what happened, we are a bit vague because it happened awfully fast. First, we bumped the edge of the table just putting the cup down. Then there was over adjustment to correct the first error and that put a gallon (it seemed) of coffee in our lap. As that hot stuff registered in the of mind, the hands swung out, the cup and what coffee that was left in it went to the floor and we jumped up grunting teeth and willing to scream with pain if it would have done any good. The pain was gone in a few seconds, but it entailed a complete change of clothes. Of course our coffee drinking "friends" laughed, which automatically added all their names to our pending lawsuit. The suit will be filled as soon as the copies of the court papers used by the lady out West in successfully suing the fast food restaurant which sold the coffee that spilled into her lap arrive in our hands!

Thinking back on the clumsy and embarrassing incident brings back memories of a dressing down received from a former neighbor one morning on the way to work. This neighbor was a medical doctor with extensive time in the emergency room and when he saw us heading to the car with a mug of fresh coffee, he exploded! While drinking coffee and driving seems like a very good way to efficiently use time, the good doctor told of the many times he had treated patients in the emergency room after they had been in an automobile accident following the spilling of hot coffee in their lap. Friday's experience explains all that. Even though there was no reason to drop the cup and spill the balance of the coffee, our reflexes didn't work that way. Apparently the only thoughts at the instant was the hot, burning feeling as the coffee soaked into the pants and touched very tender skin. Had we been driving, the reflex actions might have caused us to wrap around the nearest pine tree, or worse, into an oncoming car, filled with completely innocent people. Even in our embarrassment and pain, there is a whole lot for which to be thankful!

Gosh! Those good folks in Geneva County are finding their patience tried, much like what has happened in the past ten years in this part of Coffee County. The Saturday tornado raised havoc with some individuals who were spared the ravages of the floods in recent years, but many, or most, of them have been hit hard by the recent loss of manufacturing jobs which have hit all across the Wiregrass area. Having walked in the shoes of disaster victims more than once, Elba folks fully understand when they hear people stand by their destroyed homes, or lie injured in a hospital bed and ask, "Why me, Lord?" We cry with you and are walking examples to show you that "this too will pass".

The court battles to select a new president of this country is over. Vice President Gore conceded to Texas Governor George W. Bush and it is over. Of course there are those out there who would rather argue than settle the issue, but that was going happen either way. Our vote was cast for George W. Bush, but more times than not, our vote goes to the losing candidate, yet the successful candidate is our president, governor, dog catcher or whatever, once the votes are counted. This country is proud of the freedom of speech rights enjoyed by Americans, but may be there should be some qualifying standards accompanying those rights. People who put themselves in leadership positions need to lead and not tear down . . . think of all the time wasted by being critical, when promoting the positive aspects of the same person or issue (or fixing the problem) would be much better for the world and for humanity. Anyone with an agenda to do all he or she can to destroy this incoming presidency is an agenda to do all he or she can to destroy the country unless their personal ideals and goals are adopted by all of us. Such a mindset is shortsighted and against the basic design set out by the original framers of the U.S. Constitution.

Christmas is just around the corner . . . come Monday morning all us little children (and a few of you grown kids too) will be wide-eyed at all the goodies which the jolly ol' man has left for us. That will usually be followed by an abundance of eating entirely too much traditional and/or delicious food. While you are enjoying these varied and bountiful material things, hopefully each of you will stop for a moment and remember the true meaning of the day and the sacrifices made for humanity by that little Baby, His Father and many untold others who martyred themselves in keeping Christianity alive and fresh for those of us who have chosen to be Believers.

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Area Happenings

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS The City of Elba offices will be closed Friday & Monday, Dec. 22 & 23, and Monday, Jan. 1, in observance of Christmas and New Year's. Standby crews will be available to handle emergencies with water, sewer, electrical and street. Call the EPD at 897-2555 to report any emergencies. The garbage pickup schedule will be as follows during both weeks: Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday, Wednesday's route will be picked up on Thursday, Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday. Friday will remain unchanged. The "box truck" will be available for cardboard box disposal at the recycling center, New Brockton Town Hall will be closed Dec. 25, and Jan. 1, 2001. Emergency services will be available by calling 894-5559. Garbage collection for the week of Christmas will be on Tuesday (Dec. 26) only and for the week of New Year's it will be Tuesday (Jan. 2) only.

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER PLANNED. On Saturday night, Dec. 30, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will host a New Year's Eve dinner party at National Security's Conference Center beginning at 7 p.m. Prime Rib with all the trimmings will be served. Space is limited, so call the Chamber office today at 897-3125 to make reservations. The cost of the event is \$25 per person.

THE COFFEE COUNTY LAKE will be open on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays during the month of December.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of December 11, 2000 through December 17, 2000. They were: Christen Patterson, Tori Liptrott, Caleb Parrish, W. B. Baldwin, Elizabeth Coleman, Venecia Magwood, Jamie Sexton, Cornelia Holmes, James Senn, Anthony Parrish, Herro Wilkerson, Clarence Taylor, Melissa Wright, Mary Aske, Lois Wilson, Vassie Ward, Jeffery Reed, Marken Whitfield, Robert Belcher, Jordan Kidd, Richard Kennel, Adrian Locke, and Kevin Johnson.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Vassie Ward, Marken Whitfield, W. B. Baldwin, Martha Lee, Smith Marshall, Shannon Cartter, Manual Weeks, Agnes Dixon, Jamie Sexton, Steven Johnson, Harvey Sasser, Caleb Parrish, Tori Liptrott, James Senn, Ollie Hussey, Clarence Taylor, Venecia Magwood, Cristen Patterson, Anthony Parrish, Joel Kelley, Elizabeth Coleman, Iva McCreary, Jeffery Reed, Cornelia Holmes, and Melissa Wright.

WARNING!!
Check with your local law enforcement agency on the legitimacy of organizations seeking donations during this season of the year.

CareerLink offering free GED classes

Start the New Year off with FREE GED Classes beginning Jan. 2. The classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. at CareerLink, Alabama's Career Center System. CareerLink is located on the Square in Elba (old McCollough Grocery Store). For more information about this free opportunity, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

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BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** Court-house, Thurs. 12:30-3:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.
• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - City Hall.
• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. Supp. Office.
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5559.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House.
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon-Coffee Inn, Interp. Rd.
• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room.
• **AARP** meets every 1st Tuesday night of the month.
• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport. Driscoll hangar.
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, December 11, 2000, investigated the following incidents: three disorderly conducts, one public intoxication, three menaces, one harassment, six thefts of property, one possession of a controlled substance, one rape, five burglaries, one criminal mischief, one false reporting, one negotiation of a worthless instrument, one missing person, one assault, one reckless endangerment, and one robbery.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 - River stage - 3.20 feet (6:18 a.m.); Alarm at Morrow Village (6:50 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 - Alarm at a residence on Cedar Lane Dr. (5:54 a.m.); River stage - 4.21 feet (8:00 a.m.); Alarm at the National Guard Armory (11:14 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Adkinson Street (3:15 p.m.); Burglary reported on Jones Street (4:26 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a stove fire at Beaver Dam Apts. (5:13 p.m.); Possible prowler reported on Ann Street (11:10 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 - Disturbance reported on Adkinson Street (4:07 a.m.); River stage - 4.14 (6:26 a.m.); Burglary reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:03 p.m.); Fight reported in parking lot at Elba Texaco Food Mart (9:13 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - Possible prowler reported on Cordelia Street (12:14 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Hickman Avenue (3:46 a.m.); River stage - 5.51 feet (6:32 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Buford Street (8:58 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 - Alarm at Hardee's (4:19 a.m.); River stage - 2.78 (6:35 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (7:24 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 306 (10:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (9:34 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 - River stage - 2.77 (6:33 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Neil Grantham Drive (10:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (9:34 p.m.).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Christmas is a time of joy and peace on earth and around the world, but millions of moms and dads and grandparents will be sad not knowing where their children are. This story I promise will bring smiles to millions of homes around the world and a joy gift wrapped up in hope for all mankind. There was an Old Testament King named David who had a friend he loved dearly named Jonathan. (II Samuel 9:1-13) A covenant had been made between these two men as they were between us and God today. King David went looking for Jonathan's kin wanting to do something special for them. There was found a crippled son named Mephibosheth living in the back woods of Lodebar. The king told his men to get him and bring him to his table to feast with him the rest of his life. He said tell him I am going to restore all the land that once belonged to his granddaddy Saul. Parents and grandparents all over the world can rest in this promise, knowing that the covenant of Jesus Christ promises his angels to go to bars, crack houses and to the back streets of Lodebars today, find our children and grandchildren, bring them home to us and to God. (Joel 2:25) This can take all the worry and sadness out of Christmas season, knowing God is doing this for us because he loves us even more than King David loved Jonathan. Christians need to also realize their land restoration promise like Mephibosheth is coming from our grandparents and our great-grandparents during this our year of Jubilee. This is our Christmas gift from King Jesus. Merry Christmas Dimple Melvaine

Dear Editor,

As Chairman of the Coffee County Heritage Book Project, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time to write a submission to be published in the Heritage Book. The stories are in, the edits are being made, and the book will be "off to the publisher" in January. Those who have pre-ordered their books should expect them to be ready in about six months.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of this newspaper for publishing the necessary announcements (and the sample stories) that made it possible for us to get the word out to the public. Without your cooperation, many residents of Coffee County would not have learned about this project.

We have received approximately 650 family stories (some pioneer and some present-day), most with one or two photographs. Some were written by Coffee County residents, others came from descendants of Coffee County pioneer families who now live as far away as California, Texas, Maryland, and many other states. Some submitters have written about their childhood memories, their communities, churches, schools, clubs, organizations, and businesses. Many have included pictures of themselves, their parents, or their grandparents, commemorating the fact that they

have been married over 50 years. Many have sent pictures and short biographies of their veterans of military service. Dr. Ken Chaney has even compiled an extensive section of Coffee County's involvement in the War Between the States, including lists of Confederate muster rolls for Coffee County.

It is certain that when all these submissions, written by and about Coffee County pioneers and residents, are compiled into one publication, we will have a book that Coffee County can be proud of.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed. A special thanks to the Coffee County Heritage Committee members. No one can imagine the hours and hours of work (all volunteer, none paid) that have gone into this project.

Anyone desiring to purchase their own copy of the Coffee County Heritage Book may do so by contacting any of the committee members: Lanell Hundley, treasurer (347-1356), Ann Hood (897-5852), Lavonia Helms (347-6150), Marion Brunson (897-2427), Phyllis Maddox (897-5550) or Peggy Stroud (897-2847).

Anne Hood

GLADYS E. OGBURN
Mrs. Gladys E. Ogburn, age 79, of 512 County Road 436, Elba, Ala., died Dec. 12, 2000 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Dec. 15, 2000 at Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church of Enterprise with Rev. Steven Worth officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include two daughters: Loretta Ward and Olean Parrish, both of Elba; three sons: O'dell Belcher, Battle Creek, Mich.; Thomas Ray Belcher, Elba; Jimmy Belcher, Lakeland, Fla.; two

Troopers predict 23 will die during holidays

State troopers urge all motorists to drive safely and defensively throughout the upcoming holiday period.

All available troopers will be on patrol during peak holiday travel times to help ensure safety travel on the state's roadways, according to Col. James H. Alexander, director of Public Safety.

Gov. Don Siegelman addressed the importance of sober driving during the holidays. "I have worked hard to give Alabama the toughest drunk driving laws in the nation. As attorney general, I pushed legisla-

tion which lowered the legal blood alcohol level from .10 percent to .08, and doubled the fines for DUI."

"As governor we passed legislation imposing new penalties against people who drive drunk with children in the car. Alabama does not tolerate people who drink and drive. I urge motorists to drive responsibly during this holiday season, and caution those who are tempted to break Alabama's DUI law that the consequences are not worth it," said Siegelman.

Troopers will conduct checkpoints and intensify enforcement efforts throughout the weekend and during upcoming holiday travel periods in an effort to prevent drunken driving and remove impaired drivers from Alabama's roadways.

The Alabama Department of Public Safety estimates that 14 people will lose their lives in traffic crashes in the state during the 78-hour Christmas travel period, which begins at 6 p.m. Friday, December 22, and ends at midnight Monday, December 25.

In 1999, seven people died in traffic crashes on Alabama roadways during a 78-hour Christmas period, six on rural roads and one in an urban area. Alcohol was a factor in at least five of the deaths, and two of the victims were not using safety belts.

The traffic fatality prediction for New Year's is that 9 people will die in traffic crashes in Alabama during the 78-hour period from 6 p.m. Friday, December 29, through midnight Monday, January 1, 2001.

Last year eight people died during the 78-hour New Year's travel period, five on rural roads and three in urban areas. At least three of the deaths were alcohol related, and three of the crash victims were not using safety belts.

Elba woman arrested on rape charge
An Elba woman, Kelli Nicole Champion, age 24, of 1245 Jones Circle located in Morrow Village was arrested and charged with rape in the first degree.

She was arrested on Tuesday, December 12, by Elba police after a complaint of abuse was reported to the department by the Department of Human Resources. It was filed on the behalf of an 11-year-old male.

Following an indepth interview by DHR workers Judy Mayo and Cheryl Hancock assisted by Sgt. Kenny Jackson with the EPD, Champion was arrested and placed in the Coffee County Jail without bond.

Since her arrest, Ms. Champion has had a bond hearing before District Judge Steven Blair, and it has been set at \$50,000.00. She remains in the county jail at this time.

The incident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department and more charges may be pending upon its completion.

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AREA DEATHS

Ila Bell Hudson

Mrs. Ila Bell Hudson, age 81, of 626 Mullins Circle, Elba, Ala., died Dec. 13, 2000 at Dale Medical Center - Ozark.

Funeral services were held Dec. 16, 2000 at Elba Deliverance Tabernacle with Rev. Shirley Hatcher, Rev. Gertrude Riley, Rev. Linda Porter, Rev. Jimmy Porter, Rev. Allen Richards and Rev. Mike Medley officiating. Burial followed in Hudson Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Hudson was preceded in death by her husband, Alvie Alto Hudson, a son, Roy Hudson, a sister, Arkie Bowers, and a brother, Curtis Hodge.

Survivors include one son: James Hudson, Elba; a daughter-in-law: Lucille Hudson, Elba; four sisters: Lena Rushing, Elba, Odell Hudson, Montgomery, Branne Hair, Montgomery, Elvener Johnson, Elba; her step mother: Arkie Hodge, Elba; three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gladys E. Ogburn, age 79, of 512 County Road 436, Elba, Ala., died Dec. 12, 2000 at her residence.

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Survivors include two daughters: Loretta Ward and Olean Parrish, both of Elba; three sons: O'dell Belcher, Battle Creek, Mich.; Thomas Ray Belcher, Elba; Jimmy Belcher, Lakeland, Fla.; two

sisters: Nell Thomas, Enterprise, Mary LaPlant, Barto, Fla.; one brother: Shelby Lee, Tarpon Springs, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

INICE SIKES WHITTINGTON
Mrs. Inice Sikes Whittington, age 64, of Jack, Ala., died Dec. 16, 2000 at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Dec. 19, 2000 at Jack Assembly of God Church with Rev. Walter Faulk, Rev. Bobby Powell, Rev. Jimmy Eddins and Rev. Ray Stinson officiating. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Troy directing.

Mrs. Whittington was preceded in death by her husband, Elvin Wayne Whittington, and a son, Elvin Rudean Whittington. Survivors include her children: Dorothy and Milk Arrington, Banks, Wana and Tony Carswell, Jack, Brenda and Ray Sanders, Jack, Patricia and Bobby Price, Elba, Larry and Peggy Whittington, Jack, Melinda Jones, Jack; two sisters: Merice Earley, Stillis Cross Roads, Faye Russell, Georgetown, Ga.; three brothers: Dalton Sikes, Marion, Ind., Ray and Tommy Sikes; 15 grandchildren and nine

great-grandchildren.

great-grandchildren.

ROSIE LEE NIEVES
Mrs. Rosie Lee Nieves, born March 15, 1918 in Clayton, Ala., died Dec. 8, 2000 at the home of Stephen and Mary Blue.

Funeral services were held Dec. 13, 2000 from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home of Elba with Dr. V.J. Coleman officiating. Burial followed in the Rock Head Cemetery of Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Jose Nieves, Ft. Myers, Fla.; five daughters: Mary (Stephen) Blue, Enterprise, Kathleen Williams, Elba, Rhodia Cole, Lake Alfred, Fla., Lonnie Champion, Boston, Ma., Eva Coleman, Orlando, Fla.; one niece, two nephews, 25 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren, great great-grandchildren and other relatives.

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LIFESTYLES

I believe in Santa! Don't you?

by Nell Wilson-Gilmer

Santa will always be coming to our house and we must remember to leave cookies and milk for him. Our adult son James looks forward to Christmas with great anticipation. We insist he wait until the day after Thanksgiving to start playing Christmas music and practicing his near perfect Ho-Ho-Ho's. This is also when he starts wearing his collection of Santa sweatshirts and Christmas ties every Sunday.

James was born on Dec. 8, 1956 and we realized very early that he was not normal. He didn't walk until he was 4 years old and speech came slowly for him. His older and younger brothers were kind to him and helped him during his early years. Things he said and did when he was young were funny, but as he grew older,

they took on a different meaning and sometimes not so amusing. Apart from his size, there aren't many ways that he functions as an adult. He reasons with the capabilities of a six-year-old, but communicates and has social skills of an adult. When we realized that he had absorbed all of the education skills that he could attain, we started emphasizing social skills and teaching him "survival" skills. His memory is terrific. He never forgets dental appointments, special events, etc. Also he never forgets names of people which is a great bonus for his dad and me!

Back to Santa Claus! We have given up trying to convince him that he's too old for Santa. Even made him a Santa suit one year and when he put it on and looked at himself in the mirror, he took the

suit off and never put it on again. It frightened him. So, we just gave up and let him believe in Santa. He goes about singing carols (his favorite is Jingle Bells) and playing his Christmas records.

Life is simple and uncomplicated



James & Santa

for James. He is so trusting and loves everybody - almost. There are a few people he rejects - those who treat him different and talk down to him. He wants to be just like everybody else. As Christmas draws near, his anticipation is so great he can hardly sleep and is up before daylight every day, often checking to make sure there is space under the Christmas tree for Santa to leave his gifts.

James believes that you should always apologize when you are wrong, never wants anybody to argue, and if you promise him something, he never forgets that promise. He is always sincere. James has always gone to church and a few years ago, wanted to join the church. Our Presbyterian minister questioned him about his sincerity and belief in God. The minister came away with tears in his eyes

and said he had no doubt about James' simple faith and he was accepted as a member of the church.

When you ask James if he knows the true meaning of Christmas, he can relate the entire story about the birth of Jesus. He doesn't like the Easter story, especially when Jesus was crucified. His limited reasoning cannot handle that wrongdoing. James truly believes in Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men!

Life isn't easy living with a mentally handicapped son, but we have been so blessed by his presence in our family (and often embarrassed). He has endured a lot of physical pain in his 44 years, but his limited knowledge of his problems helps him move on to better things. He treats everybody equal and is comforted by having his friends around.

James rides a van to Enterprise every day, 25 miles from home, to attend the Coffee Training Center. This is his life and where his friends are. He was learning to use a touch-screen computer at the center, which was stolen recently. He could not believe that someone would do such a terrible thing, and thinks they should be punished.

If he had enough money, he would buy a present for everybody in the world! He enjoys putting money in the Salvation Army kettles and donating to charities. He doesn't ask for much for himself but loves to help shop for presents to wrap for his 5 nieces and 2 brothers.

When you go to bed on Christmas Eve, think of James and how excited he must be. And if you hear him going Ho, Ho, Ho down the aisles of the grocery store, wish him a Merry Christmas, and he will reply "Merry Christmas to you, too!" and he might ask you if you believe in Santa Claus!



Pictured L to R: Jessie Lee Donaldson, Sarah Donaldson, Nan Driggers, Jimmie Lou Cowen & Dot Daniels

New Ebenezer Baptist Church WMU compiles Cookbook

As in many churches, New Ebenezer Baptist Church is blessed with some great cooks. The idea of a cookbook to include favorite family recipes was discussed in the summer of 1999. This cookbook would be printed and given to family members and friends as Christmas gifts in Dec. 1999. Around 50 recipes were included in the first cookbook which was compiled and typed on the computer by WMU member, Nell Wilson Gilmer.

A limited number of cookbooks were printed and there were requests for more. The WMU members had additional recipes to include and a 2nd edition was recently printed to give to family members and friends for Christmas this year. The 2nd edition contains more than 100 recipes, as well as helpful hints.

Additional recipes will add next year and the cookbook will be published as a fund-raiser for WMU projects. This is a way of preserving all of those family favorites that can't be found in other cookbooks. It is especially popular among younger family members who want to cook dishes like Grandmother cooked.

The hardest task of compiling the cookbook was getting the ladies to write down their favorite recipes. Attempts were made to make the recipes standard, using the same abbreviations for each recipe, etc. Special instructions were included in the recipes when necessary to assist persons making the dishes for the first time.

Included below are some family favorites you might want to try during the holidays:

Hawaiian Potatoes
4 cups sweet potatoes, cooked and mashed
1 cup sugar
1 egg



Miss Snell & Mr. Free
Snell-Free to be united in marriage December 30th

Mr. and Mrs. Norman and Jane Snell of Fountain City, Indiana announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lee Ann Snell, to Rudy Free, son of Rudolph and Hilda Free of Elba.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work. She currently works as a social worker in Demopolis, Ala.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Free of Elba and Mrs. Vivian Milligan of Brewton and the late Mr. J.P. Milligan.

He is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School and currently attends the University of West Alabama. The wedding will be an event of Dec. 30, 2000 at 1:30 in the afternoon at New Garden Friends, in Fountain City.

All friends and relatives are invited.

1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup coconut
1 cup evaporated milk
Mix all ingredients well. Pour into a greased baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Lemon Cheese Filling
Fanny Foley's recipe
2 cups sugar
2 heaping T. flour
3/4 cup lemon juice
1 stick margarine
3 whole eggs, beaten

Mix all ingredients except cherries. Cook on low heat (stirring) until thick. Pour and spread over potatoes and return to oven and bake 10 minutes. Place cherries on top. Makes a pretty dish and so good!

-Jessie Lee Donaldson

Chicken and Dressing
8-10 Servings
Egg Bread for Dressing:
2 eggs, well beaten
1 cup milk
1/4 cup vegetable oil or melted shortening
1 1/2 cups Martha White Self-Rising Corn Meal mix
1 cup regular corn meal
1 tsp. baking powder

Preheat oven at 450 degrees. Put 2 tablespoons of oil in large skillet or baking pan and heat. Combine the above ingredients in order, stirring well. This mixture should be creamy to pour; if too thick, add more milk or water. Bake 20-25 minutes or until lightly brown.

When bread is done, dump into a large mixing bowl or pan. Toast 4 slices bread and crumble into mixture. Add 1 quart of chicken or turkey broth. Then add the following:
1 medium onion (chopped)
1 cup celery (chopped)
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tsp. poultry seasoning

Mix well. Beat 4 eggs well, add 1/2 cup milk, and add all of this into mixture. If not real moist, add more broth or can of Cream of Chicken.

Mix and serve. Better if made ahead of time and chilled in refrigerator.

-Dot Daniels

Cherry & Pineapple Dessert
Hazel Ward's recipe
1 can cherry pie filling
1 large can crushed pineapple, drained
1 large cool whip (12 oz)
1 can sweetened condensed milk
2 cups miniature marshmallows

Mix first 3 ingredients, and add salt and pepper. Place in 9"x13" pan. Melt margarine and mix with crackers and place on top of mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

-Sarah Donaldson

Shoepeg Corn Casserole
1/2 cup chopped onions
1/4 cup chopped bell pepper
1 can shoepeg corn
1/2 cup celery
1/2 cup grated cheese
1 can French style green beans, drained
1 can of cream of celery soup
1/2 pint sour cream
Salt and pepper to taste
1 stick of Ritz crackers (crushed)

Mix first 8 ingredients, and add salt and pepper. Place in 9"x13" pan. Melt margarine and mix with crackers and place on top of mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

-Dot Daniels

Ann'sley Marye Padgett celebrates second birthday recently

Ann'sley Marye Padgett celebrated her second birthday (Nov. 3) on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28, at her home on 810 County Road 346, Elba. Ann'sley is the daughter of Kyle and Dana Padgett.

The theme of her party was Barney. In fact, Barney came to visit Ann'sley and her friends at her party. Barney arrived on a colorfully decorated trailer escorted by Ann'sley's grandparents Danny and Vickie Stinson. Barney entertained with a selection of his special songs for children. An array of party decorations was used to carry out the Barney theme. Guests were served punch and a variety of party goodies.

Helping Ann'sley celebrate her birthday, along with her mom and dad, were her grandparents, Sylvia Padgett, Danny and Vickie Stinson, Charlotte and Ken Anderson, great-grandparents, Leroy and Nellie Hudson, all of Elba. Other friends and relatives joining in for the fun were Tanner and Destiny Hudson, Cameron and Aaron Spurlin, Anna and Fran Hughes, Shawn Kidd, Dustin Stinson, Drew Parker, Sasha Kidd, Whitney and Colt Anderson, Nita, Kendal and Donnie Stinson Jr., all of Elba.

After the guests enjoyed Barney's visit and their refreshments, Ann'sley's mother assisted her in opening her many gifts.



Ann'sley Marye Padgett



LIFESTYLES



MARY ALICE HOOKS celebrated her 83rd birthday on Saturday, Dec. 16, at Rocky Head Baptist Church. Friends and family gathered together to honor Mrs. Hooks with love expressions, ranging from a gamut of essays, poems and musical renditions to a simple, "I Love You." Mrs. Hooks beams with pride surrounded by her ten children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Other attendees were members of the Widows Club, Eastern Star. Mrs. Hooks is involved in the foster grandparent program, the Grand Worthy Deputy of the Eastern Star and an active church member at Rocky Head Baptist Church.

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Rev. and Mrs. J.L. Edgar will celebrate their 59th Wedding Anniversary on Christmas Eve. The couple has enjoyed the Lord's blessing of their family with two daughters (Mrs. Erna Simmons and Mrs. Gloria Bryant, both of Troy), six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Rev. and Mrs. Edgar plan to celebrate both their anniversary and Christmas with a family gathering on Christmas Night in their home.

The Three-In-One Study Club holds December meeting

The Three-In-One Study Club met for its December meeting in the home of Mrs. R.H. Lee. The hostess had the house decorated with the Christmas theme. Mrs. Lee introduced the speaker of the day, Mrs. Joseph Guerrero. She spoke at length regarding her experience as a missionary. She displayed her collection of Mangers and the Christ Child. She told of her stay in Puerto Rico. The club voted to make a donation to her favorite charity.

Mrs. Lee served a delicious cake and coffee.

Mrs. Wilson Newman, president, presided over the business session. The members present had an enjoyable meeting.



Amanda Reeves is three years old

Amanda Reeves, daughter of Larry and Cindy Reeves, celebrated her third birthday on Nov. 25. Amanda is the granddaughter of Bobby and Lanette Boutwell and Carlton and Lenora Reeves, all of Elba.

Mr. & Mrs. Mobley to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary, Dec. 23rd

You are cordially invited to attend a tea, celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Wilson and Marie Mobley, Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000 at 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm, and will be at the home of Wilson and Zella Mobley. (No gifts, please)

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Cancer fund established for Wanda Johnson and Sheila Petty

An account has been opened at SouthTrust Bank in Elba, Opp, Troy and Enterprise for Wanda Johnson and Sheila Petty, both of Elba. The two sisters are each battling cancer and are currently undergoing chemotherapy. They are the daughters of Doyle and Annie Mae Johnson of Elba. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to this fund may do so at SouthTrust Bank located in the above mentioned cities.

Recollections

Antiques & Uniques

on the Square in Elba invites you to stop in on Saturday, Dec. 23, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. to recall memories from times past while enjoying refreshments.

Happy Holidays from the Powells!!



Emily Hudson, daughter of Tim and Michelle Hudson, took advantage of her opportunity to spend some time with Trayton Christian Morrow, the 12-week-old son of William and Janna Morrow, at the City of Elba Christmas Party held last Thursday evening, Dec. 14. The Christmas Party is just one way the City Administration shows its appreciation to the employees for the hard work they do each and every day.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Rich Hobson promotion announced for Jan. 15

Alabama Chief Justice-elect Roy Moore recently announced that Rich Hobson will be promoted to administrative director of the state court system, effective Jan. 15.

Hobson, 39, is an administrative assistant to Frank W. Gregory, who is retiring. Moore's statement announcing the promotion said Hobson has worked in a variety of court-related jobs in 13 years, including managing the Judicial Volunteer and the Family Preservation Court Improvement Project.

The director assists the chief justice, who oversees the state court system.

New Year's Eve celebration planned for Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the second annual "Countdown at the Courthouse" on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Plans are underway to ring out the old and ring in the new with a big celebration. The event is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. on the Courthouse Square. There will be entertainment by local musicians, cloggers, drama teams and singers. In addition, there will be children's activities and various refreshments available for those in attendance.

At the stroke of midnight, a lighted ball will drop from the top of the courthouse. A fireworks display will begin and hundreds of balloons will be released.

As an added feature this year, everyone who purchases a commemorative Elba Christmas ornament will have a ticket entered into a drawing for \$2,001 which will be given away after the stroke of midnight.



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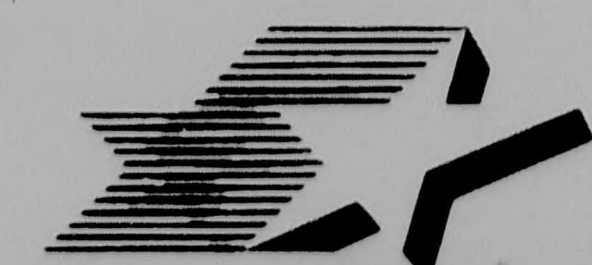
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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz Family will join in the celebration of Christmas this week, and even though we will spend Christmas in our fifth home since the two kids that hit Elba in the '90s, the family will be together, and that means that it is home no matter where we might be. From the Mularz Family to yours. Merry Christmas!

TAKING A FEW FREE SHOTS...

*** The Elba Tigers took a whipping from their 6A neighbors from Enterprise last week, and while the 20-point loss was disappointing, I guess the Wildcats and their fans were due something to cheer about since the Tigers defeated Enterprise three times a year ago. The Tigers' John Mitchell continued to be the surprise of the young season as he scored 24 points in the loss, while the Tigers' failure to play defense behind the three-point arc once again helped their opponents enjoy much success. Elba has the size inside to battle with just about anybody it plays on both offense and defense, however, until the Tigers start defending the three-point line, they could get beat by teams with good outside shooters. I am sure the Tigers will have a lot of work to do on everything, and will get better as the season rolls along. Hey, a 3-2 start ain't all that bad.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers posted a big win over Enterprise last week and have now claimed wins over New Brockton and Enterprise in their last two games. The Lady Tigers lost only one senior last season and have only one senior this season, which makes it easy to see that the Lady Tiger basketball program is headed in the right direction, probably a few years ahead of schedule. If you head out to an Elba basketball game, get there early and watch the Lady Tigers play, they are worth the extra hour in the gym.

*** The high school basketball season rolled along last week and it was just another average week for teams in the area. New Brockton was ousted in the opening round of the Andalusia Christmas Tournament by SA Carroll and continued to struggle to find wins, while 7th ranked Brantley was stumped in the semifinals of the SEAC Tournament by Luverne, and Zion Chapel got thumped hard on the road by G.W. Long. This will be a good season for the fans to get excited as they support their favorite teams, but it might also be a season in which the losses outweigh the wins.

*** The battle over Alex Rodriguez was won last week by the Texas Rangers, who signed the 25-year-old All-Star to a 10-year, \$252 million contract, easily the biggest ever in the sport. The total contract is \$2 million more than the Rangers sold for only three years ago, and doubled the previous record for a sports contract. The contract calls for a \$10 million signing bonus paid over five years and salaries of \$21 million in each of the first four years, \$25 million a year in 2005 and 2006, and \$27 million in each of the final four seasons. A total of \$36 million is deferred at 3 percent interest, to be paid from 2011-2020. The Rangers also signed Andres Galarraga for \$6.25 million, Ken Caminiti for \$3.25 million and Mark Pickens for \$4.9 million. I wonder what tickets will sell for next year down in Texas?

*** The Dothan Eagle named its annual "Super 12" high school football teams last week, and while the area didn't exactly dominate the all-star squad, it was well represented on the coaching staff. Zion Chapel's Randy Grant was named the 1A-3A Coach of the Year, and was a deserving choice after guiding the Rebels back from the brink of extinction and into the playoffs in one short year. Elba grad Leavy Boutwell was named the Coach of the Year for the second straight year in the 4A-6A ranks, and the former Elba Tiger is without a doubt one of the top coaches in the state, regardless of school classification. While I don't always agree with all-star selections, this two men do get my best wishes.

*** In closing...I would like to thank everyone that helped make the first annual Operation Santa Claus sponsored by the Elba Recreation Department such a huge success. The program reached over 200 children in the Elba area, and helped make heroes out of some parents that weren't as fortunate as others, and helped put smiles on the faces of many, many youngsters. Thanks, again, and Merry Christmas!

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Brantley ranked 7th in 1A

Alabama Sports Writers release first basketball poll of season

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its first high school basketball poll of the season, and included in the initial poll are a number of area teams, with the Brantley Bulldogs ranked 7th in Class 1A.

Following is the complete poll in all classifications for boys and girls:

BOYS

CLASS 6A
1-Auburn, 2-Woodlawn, 3-Jeff Davis, 4-Grisson, 5-John Carroll Catholic, 6-LeFlore, 7-Sidney Lanier, 8-Parker, 9-Baldwin County, 10-Northview.

CLASS 5A
1-Huntsville Lee, 2-B.C. Rain, 3-Anniston, 4-Gadsden, 5-Hartselle, 6-Ramsay, 7-Oak Mountain, 8-Athens, 9-Corry, 10-Birmingham.

CLASS 4A
1-Coosa Central, 2-Sumter County, 3-Headland, 4-Winfield, 5-Alexandria, 6-Clarke County, 7-U.S. Wright, 8-Greensboro, 9-Livingston, 10-Dora.

CLASS 3A
1-Ardmore, 2-DAR, 3-Catholic, 4-Calhoun, 5-Washington County, 6-North Sand Mountain, 7-Glen Cove, 8-Phil Campbell, 9-Francis Marion, 10-West Morgan.

CLASS 2A
1-Saint Jude, 2-Mars Hill Bible, 3-Horseshoe Bend, 4-Goshen, 5-Section, 6-Vincen, 7-Cleveland, 8-Donoho, 9-Houston Academy, 10-Barbour County.

CLASS 1A
1-Courtland, 2-Decatur Heritage,

3-Parkway Christian, 4-Pleasant Home, 5-Collinsville, 6-Hubbertville, 7-Brantley, 8-Mellow Valley, 9-Alabama School for Deaf, 10-Belgreen.

GIRLS

CLASS 6A
1-Hoover, 2-Austin, 3-Huffman, 4-Vigor, 5-Jeff Davis, 6-Vestavia Hills, 7-Thompson, 8-Decatur, 9-LeFlore, 10-Baldwin County.

CLASS 5A
1-Buckhorn, 2-Athens, 3-B.C. Rain, 4-Eufaula, 5-Fairfield, 6-Hartselle, 7-B.T. Washington, 8-Walker, 9-Fort Payne, 10-Erwin.

CLASS 4A
1-Lawrence County, 2-U.S. Wright, 3-Andalusia, 4-Sumter County, 5-East Lawrence, 6-Coosa Central, 7-Deshler, 8-Geneva, 9-Hartselle, 10-West Point.

CLASS 3A
1-Sylvania, 2-Lauderdale County, 3-Hanceville, 4-Ardmore, 5-Alexandria, 6-Francis Marion, 7-Sulligent, 8-Dadeville, 9-Weaver, 10-Madison Academy.

CLASS 2A
1-Red Bay, 2-Geraldine, 3-Cold Springs, 4-R.C. Hatch, 5-Gaston, 6-Effie, 7-Cleveland, 8-Pisgah, 9-Southern Choctaw, 10-Susan Moore.

CLASS 1A
1-Antaugville, 2-Westminster, 3-Akron, 4-Speak, 5-Spring Garden, 6-Mellow Valley, 7-Saint Bernard, 8-Leachapoka, 9-Pleasant Home, 10-Alabama School for Deaf.

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Thursday, December 21
Brantley at Elba (4:30) B, VG, VB

Friday, December 22
Dale County at Brantley (4:30) B, VG, VB

Tuesday, December 26
Red Level Christmas Tournament,
At Red Level High School

Girls Division
9:00 - TR Miller vs. McKenzie
12:00 - Andalusia vs. New Brockton

3:00 - Pleasant Home vs. Florala
6:00 - Red Level vs. Straughn

Boys Division
10:30 - New Brockton vs. Opp
1:30 - TR Miller vs. Florala

4:30 - Georgiana vs. Flomaton
7:30 - Kinston vs. Red Level

Holiday Prep Classic,
At Dothan Civic Center

4:30 - Daleville vs. Malone
6:00 - Carroll vs. Houston Academy

7:30 - Headland vs. Ashford
9:00 - Eufaula vs. Randolph Clay

Wednesday, December 27
Holiday Prep Classic,
At Dothan Civic Center

4:30 - Rehobeth vs. Geneva
6:00 - Dothan vs. Pleasant Home

7:30 - Goshen vs. Abbeville
9:00 - Northview vs. Enterprise

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Lady Tiger Roshanda McKinnon goes up for a lay-up in Elba's big win over New Brockton. McKinnon scored 26 points and grabbed 18 rebounds in the Lady Tigers' win over Enterprise.

Lady Tigers stun Enterprise 66-49

The Elba Lady Tigers improved their record to 5-2 last Tuesday night with an impressive 66-49 win over the 6A Enterprise Lady Wildcats.

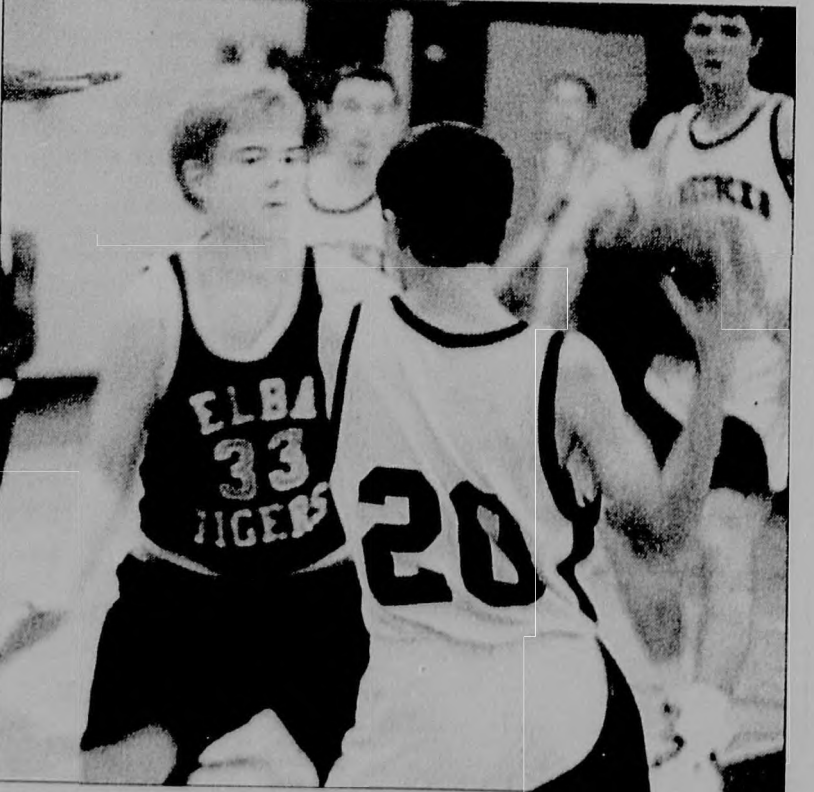
Roshanda McKinnon scored 26 points and grabbed 18 rebounds to

lead the Lady Tigers, while Rachel Bludsworth added 13 points and hauled down 16 rebounds. Ayonna Proctor scored 14 points for Elba.

Jessica Robinson scored 19 points to lead the (3-5) Lady Wildcats.

and Marcus Henderson added 14 to lead the Tigers, while Adam Godwin scored 23 points to spark the (4-2) Wildcats.

John Mitchell scored 24 points



Elba JV Tiger Justin Allen (33) applies tight defense in a recent game. The Tiger JV's closed out their pre-holiday schedule with an 0-5 record.

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SPORTS

Josh Mehaffey named to Super 12

Zion Chapel's Randy Grant named Class 1A-3A "Coach of the Year"

The Dothan Eagle announced its 2000 "Super 12" high school football team last week and named to the honored list in the 1A-3A division was Zion Chapel's Josh Mehaffey, while Rebel coach Randy Grant was named the "Coach of the Year."

Mehaffey, a senior, gained 1,062 yards in 10 games and scored 14 touchdowns to spark the Zion Chapel offense, while on defense he made 39 tackles.

Grant, a Zion Chapel graduate, guided his team to one of the biggest turnarounds in state history.

The Rebels had won only one game the previous two seasons and in '99 were forced to forfeit a game due to a lack of players. However, under the direction of Coach Grant, the Rebels posted six regular season

wins and earned a spot in the 1A playoffs.

"Nobody around the area would have thought we would have a record of six wins and five losses after what we had been through the last few years," stated Coach Grant in a published report. "This season's success has been positive for the school and the community. It was certainly nothing that one person could have done on their own, and I had a lot of help from the assistant coaches, from the parents and from the entire community."

"The difference this season was that we had 10 seniors," added Grant, "and that was something we had not had in the past. It was a good group of kids, and we were also able to have a junior high team for the first time. The atmosphere

of football was different in that we had more participation, more talk about football, and more excitement with the crowds."

Following is a complete list of the 2000 "Super 12" players and coaches in both Class 1A-3A and Class 4A-6A:

CLASS 1A - CLASS 3A

Kevin Buz - Houston Academy, Jeremy Jeffcoat - Ashford Academy, Mills Money - Abbeville Christian, Lorenza Williams - G.W. Long, Norris Drinkard - Houston County, Andre Golsen - Geneva County, Tyrone Boyd - Pike County, Zach Rogers - Houston Academy, Jamar Tucker - Goshen, Timothy Bess - Samson, Clay Elliot - Cottonwood, Josh Mehaffey - Zion Chapel.

Player of the Year - Kevin Buz, Houston County
Coach of the Year - Randy Grant, Zion Chapel

CLASS 4A - CLASS 6A
Von Ewing - Charles Henderson, Adam King - Dothan, Larry Brackins - Dothan, Johnny Faulk - Northview, Brad Poitevint - Northview, Kevin Stephens - Charles Henderson, Clint Denuard - Geneva, Daniel Gilley - Geneva, Brandon Newman - Carroll, LaRon Reeves - Headland, Mandrell Culver - Dale County, Cornelius Boulton - Daleville.

Player of the Year - Von Ewing, Charles Henderson

Coach of the Year - Leavy Boutwell, Geneva

Marengo Academy gives hunters the chance to bag trophy buck

Hunters from all across America are invited to hunt Alabama's famous white tail trophy bucks on Jan. 5, 6 and 7 in "Bama's Buck Belt."

Marengo Academy, in Linden, is sponsoring the three day hunt during peak rut season on prime private hunting lands in West Alabama.

The area is that in which bucks weighing up to 300 pounds are taken occasionally, and racks up to 48 points have been found.

Hunters will be on the lands where upland crops have been harvested as well as hardwood bottom lands in the Tombigbee River Basin, and each hunter will have a guide to lead them to stands along well traveled deer trails.

Accommodations may be made to include lodging and meals for \$600, or hunters may opt for a lessor package where local accommodations are available and breakfast will be provided each morning before Alabama's crisp dawn.

Friday night, one local hunting lodge owner will treat the entire party to a southern style fish fry, while on Saturday night, the party will enjoy a whole hog barbecue along with barbecue chicken and all the trimmings.

There is a limit on the number of hunters that can get this opportunity, and for more information contact Marengo Academy at 334-295-4151, John Holley at 334-295-5572 or Lenoard Mosley at 334-627-3279.

10 Star basketball camp now taking evaluations for players

Applications are now being evaluated for the "10 Star All-Star" summer basketball camp. Boys ages 8-19 and girls ages 10-19 may apply, with campers being selected by invitation only.

Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta and Trajan Langdon.

Camp locations for the 2001 summer season will include Gainesville, GA.; Redlands, CA.; Thousand Oaks, CA.; Sackville,

N.B. Canada; Babson Park, FL.; Champaign, IL.; Macon, IL.; Greensboro, IN.; Atchison, KS.; Midway, KY.; Hillsdale, MI.; Saint Paul, MN.; Fayette, MO.; Rochester, N.Y.; Bowling Springs, N.C.; North Canton, OH.; Lock Haven, PA.; Bristol, R.I.; Lebanon, TN.; Commerce, TX.; Fort Worth, TX.; Blacksburg, VA.; and Olympia, WA.

College basketball scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American team. For an evaluation form call (704) 568-6801.

ESJC offers non-impact exercise by leisure swimming at pool

Tune up with non-impact exercise through Enterprise State Junior College's Leisure Swimming. Participants have the opportunity to maintain fitness through swimming in the College's indoor pool during select times set aside just for them. This spring semester the pool will be available beginning January 11 for approximately 20 hours per week. The fee for individual participants is \$40.00 and \$55.00 for families. There is no registration deadline; participants may sign up at any time during the semester. For more information call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

Zion Chapel ambushed by G.W. Long Rebels 70-37

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never caught up in a big 70-37 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels, in Skipperville. Marcus Taylor scored 21 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Brian Johnson scored 21 for G.W. Long, which placed five players in double figures.

Z.C. Lady Rebels fall hard to G.W. Long 55-12

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels remained winless on the young season after a lopsided 55-12 loss to G.W. Long. Krista Morrison and Shannon Newman both scored 12 points lead (5-1) G.W. Long.

New Brockton ousted early in Andalusia tourney 80-47

The New Brockton Gamecocks made an early exit in last week's Andalusia Christmas Tournament when they were defeated by the Carroll Eagles 80-47. Josh Gilbreath scored 19 points and Rahim Thomas added 16 for the Eagles.

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HOLIDAY BOWL SCHEDULE

(All times Central Standard Time)

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Mobile Alabama Bowl
TCU (10-1) vs. Sou. Miss. (7-4), 7 PM (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 21

Las Vegas Bowl
UNLV (7-5) vs. Arkansas (6-5), 7 PM (ESPN2)

Sunday, Dec. 24

Oahu Bowl
Virginia (6-5) vs. Georgia (7-4), 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 25

Blue-Gray Classic
North vs. South, 11:00 AM (ABC)

North Bowl

Boston College (6-5) vs. Arizona State (6-5), 2:30 (ABC)

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Marshall (7-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 3 PM (ESPN)

Motor City Bowl

Marshall (7-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 3 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 28

Humanitarian Bowl
Boise State (9-2) vs. Texas-El Paso (8-3), 12:30 PM (ESPN2)

Music City Bowl

West Virginia (6-5) vs. Mississippi (7-4), 3 PM (ESPN)

Microscopic Bowl

Minnesota (6-5) vs. N.C. State (7-4), 6 PM (TBS)

Insight.com Bowl

Iowa State (8-3) vs. Pittsburgh (7-4), 12:30 PM (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 29

Liberty Bowl

Colorado State (9-2) vs. Louisville (9-2), 12:30 PM (ESPN)

Sun Bowl

UCLA (6-5) vs. Wisconsin (8-4), 1 PM (CBS)

Holiday Bowl

Texas (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 30

Alamo Bowl

Nebraska (9-2) vs. Northwestern (8-3), 7 PM (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31

Silicon Valley Classic
Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 6 PM (FOXSN)

Independence Bowl

Texas A & M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 7 PM (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl

Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 10 AM (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl

Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 10 AM (FOX)

Gator Bowl

Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 11:30 AM (NBC)

Citrus Bowl

Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 PM (ABC)

Rose Bowl

Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 3:30 PM (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl

Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 7 PM (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Sugar Bowl

Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 7 PM (ABC)

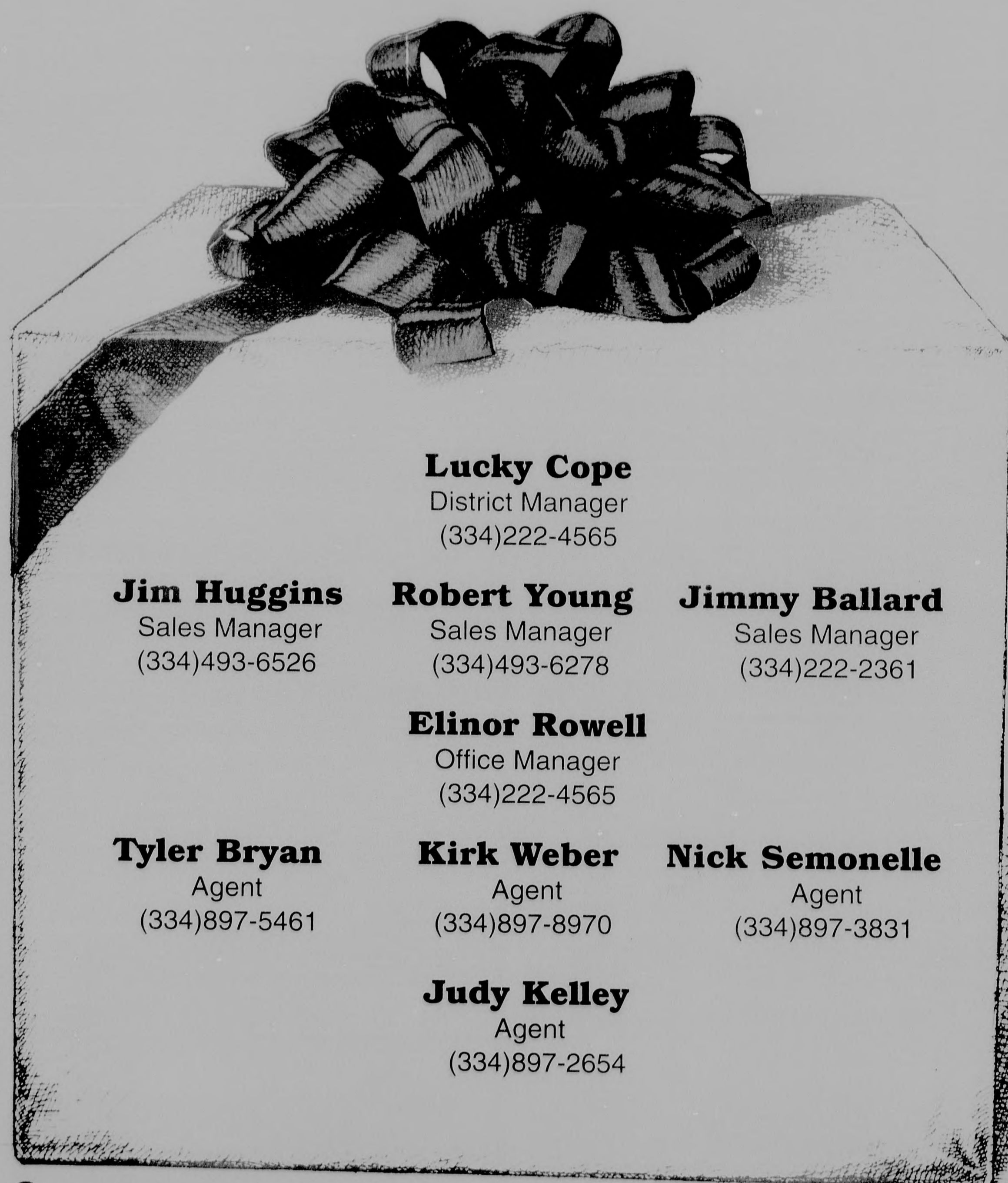
Wednesday, Jan. 3

Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 7 PM (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 13

All-Star Gridiron Classic
Team USA vs. Team Florida, 12:00 PM (ESPN2)

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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Mahala Johnson. I am 5 years old and I live at 2937 County Road 461 in Kinston. I go to Jack and Jill Daycare, and my teacher's name is Miss Heather. I have been very good this year. I have been thinking about what I want most for Christmas this year. I want you to bring me: a Barbie case, some Barbie shoes for me and some play makeup. My big brothers have been pretty good so please bring them something.
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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Dylan Hatcher. I am 5 years old and I live in Elba. I go to Jack and Jill Daycare, and my teacher's name is Miss Heather. I have been very good this year!

I have been thinking about what I want most for Christmas this year. I want you to bring me a scooter, a guitar, a drum and a computer. Thank you for everything you brought me last year. I will leave you a treat by the tree. I love you Santa Claus, Dylan

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kaelyn Fillingim. I am 3 years old and I live in Elba on Reeves Ave. I go to Jack and Jill Daycare, and my teacher's name is Miss Heather. I have been very good this year! I have been thinking about what I want most for Christmas this year. I want you to bring me a Barbie motorcycle, a slushie maker and a stuffed bear. Thank you for everything you brought me last year. I will leave you a treat by the tree. I love you Santa Claus, Kaelyn



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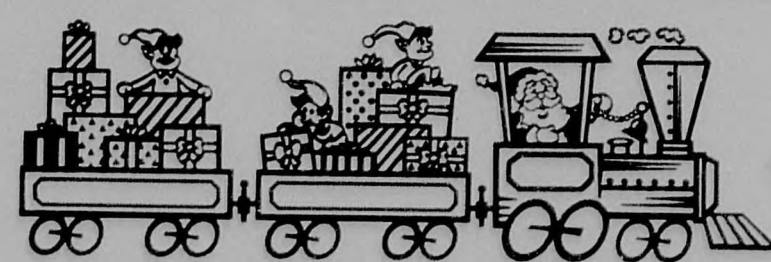
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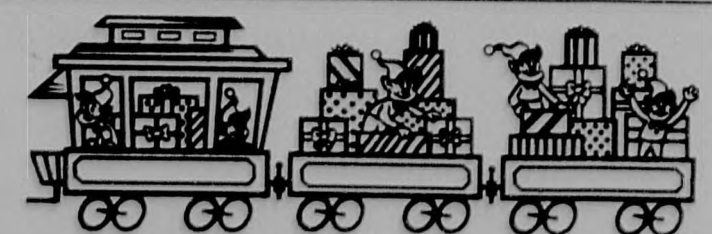
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My name is Kimberlin Murray. I am 4 years old and I live at 234 Hickman Ave. in Elba. I go to Jack and Jill Daycare, and my teacher's name is Miss Heather. I have been very good this year! I have been thinking about what I want most for Christmas this year. I want you to bring me a Barbie brush and a book bag. Some days my big brother is good so could you please bring him a train set. Thank you for everything you brought me last year. I will leave you a treat by the tree. I love you Santa Claus, Kimberlin

Dear Santa Claus,
This is my first Christmas and I have been very good (up 'til now, but I'm starting to really get around, so, who knows). I need lots of toys and some surprises, too. Love ya, Tristen Tindell

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been just as good as last year (maybe better). I want a baby doll and a bottle for her and some push toys and some pretty clothes and some earnings and some surprises. If you can come early we can play some before I have to go to bed. Stay warm - see ya! Love, Sydney Jackson

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi! I have been a very good girl since I got here in March. My brother helps me out a lot with the rules and where all the good toys are hidden. I want a baby doll to cuddle with and some surprises. Bring Dalton some cars and trucks and a ball. Love, Hailey Parrish

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been really good all year (except for a couple of those foot stomping things somebody might have mentioned - do the REALLY have your phone number?). Anyway - I need some cars and trucks and building blocks and if there's room something for Kayla and Brandon. Love, Dalton Bryan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll, a tea set, some dress up clothes, a Barney tape and some surprises. Me and my brother have been good all year - just ask anybody. I'll leave you some cookies, O.K. Love, Karlie Mitchell

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Shawn Carter. I'm almost 4 years old. I go to Jack and Jill Daycare, and my teacher's name is Miss Sue. I have been very good this year! I have been thinking about what I want most for Christmas this year. I want you to bring me a big bicycle with a horn, a choo choo train, a gun so I can hunt deer with big PAPA, a firetruck. I am always good! Thank you for everything you brought me last year. I will leave you a treat by the tree. I love you Santa Claus, Shawn Carter

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Paige Weeks. I am 3 years old. I go to Jack and Jill Daycare, and my teacher's name is Miss Sue. I have been very good this year! I have been thinking

about what I want most for Christmas this year. I want you to bring me a train, a dancing doll, I need skates, I do enjoy skating, bicycle. I have been so good this year. I really would like a Barbie Book also. Thank you for everything you brought me last year. I will leave you a treat by the tree. I love you Santa Claus, Paige Weeks

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Troy Funk. I am 3 years old. I go to Jack and Jill Daycare, and my teacher's name is Miss Sue. I have been very good this year! I have been thinking about what I want most for Christmas this year. I want you to bring me a Hot Rod Bicycle with fast wheels, cars and more cars, a water gun, a gun so I can shoot squirrels and "Big Trucks." I really have been good most of the time. Thank you for everything you brought me last year. I will leave you a treat by the tree. I love you Santa Claus, Troy Funk

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Maggie Johnson. I am 3 years old. I go to Jack and Jill Daycare, and my teacher's name is Miss Sue. I have been very good this year! I have been thinking about what I want most for Christmas this year. Santa I have my tree up already. I want pink lights to go on top of my roof. I want a ring and bracelet, fingernail polish, a real puppy would be great. A new pink car because my brother, Saegre, broke my steering wheel off the old one. Thank you for everything you brought me last year. I will leave you a treat by the tree. I love you Santa Claus, Maggie Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Victoria Greer. I am 3 years old. I go to Jack and Jill Daycare, and my teacher's name is Miss Sue. I have been good this year! I have been thinking about what I want most for Christmas this year. I want you to bring me: a new toothbrush, a dancing Debbie Doll, a new tea set, skates, a new car so I can go fast. I have tried so hard to be good. Thank you for everything you brought me last year. I will leave you a treat by the tree. I love you Santa Claus, Victoria Greer

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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Dalton Parrish. I am almost 2 years old. I go to Jack and Jill Daycare, and my teacher's name is Miss Sue. I have been very good this year! I have been thinking about what I want most for Christmas this year. I want you to bring me a lot of Veggie Tales, cars and trucks, a car to drive and go fast. I need a few puzzles, just my size. Remember my Hailey - she is so good. Thank you for everything you brought me last year. I will leave you a treat by the tree. I love you Santa Claus, Dalton Parrish

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Dear Santa,
I would like to have a new bike. Thank you, Morgan Matthews

Dear Santa,
I want 4 G.I. Joe's, a fisher price tree house and tower. Griffin Jones

Dear Santa,
I want a motor cycle, a road, and a toy. Cody Burks

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby I know, rock & roll Barbie radio, a house, a Barbie airplane and a kitchen. Paige Dewberry

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart, and a motorcycle. Damon Nelson

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll, a scooter and a music box. Anna Bowers

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a car and a truck. Chace Nelson

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Dear Santa,
I want a wagon, a bike and a toy box with toys. Megan Prescott

Dear Santa,
I want a radio, a school Barbie thing, a motorcycle, a car and a truck. Holly Patterson

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart, a scooter, a Golden Retriever dog, a monster tornado race truck. I love you Santa and I love my brothers. Christopher Ellis

Dear Santa,
I want a red bike with training wheels, a motorcycle and a cool car. Chase Moseley

Dear Santa,
I want a present, a doll that cry's and a bottle. Breannah Adkinson

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll, teddy bear and a ball. Terreia Hammonds

Dear Santa,
Bring me a baby doll, a phone and a ring. Mallory Wise

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler, a Rig and trailer and a helicopter. Braxton Robinson

Dear Santa,
I want a ball, a dog, a tractor and a four wheeler. Nicholas Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll, blanket, a book and a ball. Millicent Nolin

Dear Santa,
Miss Peggy wants Santa to bring Good Tidings Great Joy and Peace on Earth to Everyone. Merry Christmas "Santa"

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Miss Ronda wants Santa to build her a new house.

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a game boy, clothes, and happiness for my family. Love, Dillon Duncan

Dear Santa,
I would really like a scooter for Christmas. Love, J'Quenten Truitt

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing okay. This is what I would like for Christmas: a scooter, a CD player, a Pokemon CD, a Guess Who game, and a Pokemon battle station. Love, Terry Veasey

Dear Santa,
I want a big water gun, a yo-yo, and a new binder that keeps paper. Love, Bo Wiggins

Dear Santa,
This year I would like you to bring me a gun, a computer, a dog, legos, books, action man, X-man, G.I. Joe, and lots of surprises. Love, Jordan Williams

Dear Santa,
I would like a real BB gun for Christmas and a monster truck. Please bring lots of surprises. I have been good this year and I made all A's. Tyvonne Smith

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. I would like a football and a football outfit. I would also like a helmet. Merry Christmas! Michael Calloway

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan and I would like a Golden Hotwheel Cars for Christmas. I would like to have three Godzilla 2000 movies and a King Adora balloon for Christmas and a Godzilla balloon for Christmas too. I want a chameleon that talks and a spiked lizard that I saw on the Discovery channel. I want an iguana too. Thank you, Ryan Allen



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Dear Santa,
I would like a go-cart, a bike, a Barbie, a Barbie car, a Barbie house, thank you. Love, Candace Stone

Dear Santa,
I sure hope you have a very good Christmas. I would like a doll, and doll house, Barbie, bike, stamps, and stamp book. And I would like my teacher, who I love, to have a very good Christmas, and for my mom, dad, and for all the needed kid's to have everything they need. I love you Santa. Love, Ashley Bolding

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike, cloths, shoes, socks, and a ted player and Sammie cd, computer, 4 wheeler, goldcart, Nintendo 64, balls, be he gun, Restling men and ring, movies (any kind), puppy, football helmet and suit. Love, Jahari Newson

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a barbie, I want too see santa clause. I have been a good girl. Love, Ashley Pitts

Dear Santa,
I want a Ty and a new trampoline and a puppy that would stay little, christmas cartoons and a vcr, dirt-dike and a gocart. P.S. I've been very good. Love, Brooke A.

Dear Santa,
This is what I would like to get for Christmas. Six X-Men (good and bad), computer, Remote control car and boat, Punching bag, Drums, piano and a guitar I would also like a Bobby Labonte collector car for my dad. I also want Sting and Stone Cold Steve Austin in the ring. Love, Parker Riley

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like 3 things. I really want a rastling man, titan-tron. Love, Martin

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like 3 things. I really want a scooter, motorcycle, bell. Love, Jeffery

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like 3 things. I really want ty, bike and baby doll. Love, Jamie

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like 2 things. I really want a bike and a t.v. Love, Kiara

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a cash register for Christmas. I also want a computer and a trampoline, and a Barbie doll. Love, Chelsea Lane

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan Coleman. I've been a good girl this year. What I want for Christmas is: Dancing Debbie Doll, and a Barbie Doll 2000 some Christmas books and new clothes. Love, Megan Coleman

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of roller blades, a computer, a necklace, a games for my playstation, a scooter and a Toy Story 2 movie. P.S. - I'll leave you some milk and fudge rounds! Love, Sage Kelley

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a 4-10 shotgun and a bicycle. Love, William Crenshaw Jr.

Dear Santa,
December is Jesus Birthday. Hes Birthday is December the 25, 2000 witch chime. December is a specl day bus it is chime. Love, Jacquetta

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a happy family getoher. I also want p. ease and joy all over the world. The toys I want is a Electronic Hot Rock Guitar, Lennox Sound AM/FM Radio with cassette, a four-wheeler and a motorcycle. Love, David Wayne Hutchison

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Dear Santa,
I would like to have a keyboard.

leap frog, books to read, h.b. gun, & scooter, and some new clothes. Merry Christmas. Love, Devin

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I want a Ty and a new trampoline and a puppy that would stay little, christmas cartoons and a vcr, dirt-dike and a gocart. P.S. I've been very good. Love, Brooke A.

Dear Santa,
This is what I would like to get for Christmas. Six X-Men (good and bad), computer, Remote control car and boat, Punching bag, Drums, piano and a guitar I would also like a Bobby Labonte collector car for my dad. I also want Sting and Stone Cold Steve Austin in the ring. Love, Parker Riley

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like 3 things. I really want a rastling man, titan-tron. Love, Martin

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like 3 things. I really want a scooter, motorcycle, bell. Love, Jeffery

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I have been good all year. I would like 3 things. I really want ty, bike and baby doll. Love, Jamie

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like 2 things. I really want a bike and a t.v. Love, Kiara

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a cash register for Christmas. I also want a computer and a trampoline, and a Barbie doll. Love, Chelsea Lane

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan Coleman. I've been a good girl this year. What I want for Christmas is: Dancing Debbie Doll, and a Barbie Doll 2000 some Christmas books and new clothes. Love, Megan Coleman

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of roller blades, a computer, a necklace, a games for my playstation, a scooter and a Toy Story 2 movie. P.S. - I'll leave you some milk and fudge rounds! Love, Sage Kelley

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a 4-10 shotgun and a bicycle. Love, William Crenshaw Jr.

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Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like 3 things. I really want Barbie, colletr, Bene Baby and - Merry Christmas. Love, Kayla

Pile On the Christmas Spirit!

To all our loyal customers, friends and neighbors, we'd like to extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and healthy holiday. May it be heavy with blessings and joy. Many thanks for your loyal support and friendship.

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Christmas Is Blooming

Poinsettias appear and holiday cheer Begins to grace our atmosphere: It's that wonderful, joy-filled time of year. Warm wishes to all - Christmas is here!

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1951 Hickman Ave. Elba, AL 897-3422

With Our Gratitude

As we reflect on the year gone by, We recall the many faces Of all the folk we've come to know From many different places. And as each one's dear, it's become clear That we've been blessed with treasure; And thanks to you, One thing is true - It's always been a pleasure!

Happy holidays to all our friends and neighbors.

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PEACE
FAITH
HAPPINESS
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We hope your holiday is enriched with these same treasured gifts. Thanks for your kindness and support.

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Dear Santa

MORE... MRS. MCCOLLOUGH'S 1ST GRADE ELBA ELEMENTARY

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I have been good all year. I would like 3 things. I really want a car, a Game Boy, and some Hot Wheels. Merry Christmas, Santa, and Mrs. Claus.
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bring me all this for Christmas.
Love, Brooke Weeks

Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter, clothes, computer, TV, Nintendo 64, alarm clock, and for everyone to have a merry Christmas. Happy Holidays!
Love, Christopher Parrish

Dear Santa,
I want a dog named Shadow, a dancing Debbie, a CD player, some CDs, a puppy, 3 cats and I want to learn how to read. I also want a robot.
Love, Brandy Sankovich

Dear Santa,
I want a bow and arrow. I want a Barbie doll. I want a bike. I want clothes. I want shoes.
Love, Brianna Jackson

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like 3 things. I really want a battle tank and a Spiderman game.
Love, Ricky

**MRS. LOWERY'S CLASS
ELBA ELEMENTARY
1ST GRADE**

Dear Santa,
I want skates. I want a bicycle. I want an ice maker. I want a Barbie doll. I want a doll. I want a dog. I want a cat.
Love, Carrie Senn

Dear Santa,
I want a Kelly doll, make-up, nail polish and lipstick. I also want a Kindergarten baby, Barbie dolls, Barbie clothes, and a newborn baby doll. I want it to snow for Christmas. I could also use some new CD's for my CD player. I like NSYNC, Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears and country music. I have been really good this year. Please

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball goal. I want some hot wheels. Thank you!
Love, Michael Baxter

Dear Santa,
I want a Dragon Ball Z and a football. I want some new toys and some shoes and shirts. I also want a new puppy.
Love, Leonard Cook

Dear Santa,
I love you. I like your elves, too. I want a bike, go-cart, and some toys for Christmas.
Love, Robert Goulet

Dear Santa,
How are you? Fine. I hope. I have been good at school and home. I want a gold chain and charm, some clothes, boots, shoes, toys, a computer, and some games for my PlayStation. Also, something nice for my mother. Thank you.
Love, William Hooks Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo game, a Yoshi game, a Super Mario game, a boom box, movies, a vacuum cleaner, and a TV.
Love, Logan Parker

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline, a brand new bicycle, a brand new computer, a brand new watch, and a brand new Barbie doll house.
Love, Amanda Bolding

**DEBBIE RHOADES' CLASS
ELBA ELEMENTARY
2ND GRADE**

Dear Santa,
I would like Pokemon Gold and Silver and a snow cone machine.
Gage Craig

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Harry Potter collection, a race car, a toy boat, a necktie, a bird, a bob sled, a bow in arrow, a walky talky, a self phone, gun tar, a piano, some new pants, a jacket, a toboggan, a toy, a sled, a walgun, a wind breaker.
Xavier

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy and a base ball bat and a big tree.
Sandarius

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Love, Chloe Figueroa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want Diva Stars, Baby I Know, Kelly, Club Castle, a dirt bike, and a game boy color game. I will leave you some milk.
Love, Isabel Carpenter

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth and a TV and VCR. PS. A Barbie Jeep would be nice!
Love, Isabel Carpenter

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want some Disney tickets, a pellet gun, a dirt bike, and a game boy color game. I will leave you some milk.
Love, Gunnar McCollough

Dear Santa,
I think I've been a good girl this year. So please bring me a Walkman, a go-cart, and a computer. Bring my sister, Kiva a Barbie doll and my baby sister Mya a baby doll. Get my mom a gold ring. I've got cookies for you.
Love, Shabrina Thomas

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart, a computer, toys, a telephone, and a mylco lizard.
Love, Victor Riley

Dear Santa,
I have been very sweet and good this year. I want you to please bring me a singing machine, bike, and gym set. I love you Santa!
Love, LaShea Carr

Dear Santa,
I don't want much for Christmas. The first thing I want is a shotgun. I would like to get a new bike and a trampoline. That's all I want for Christmas.
Love, Josh Johnson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? Merry Christmas! This year I'm asking for a bike, a game, and a new t.v. Santa, please don't forget my baby sister. I'm sure she's hoping for a doll. As for my mother, just keep her safe and I'll be happy.
Love, Shamarc Moore

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm glad that Christmas is almost here. Will you please bring me a new bike? On Christmas Day I want my family to be together and happy.
Love, Tyler Anderson

Dear Santa,
I want a PlayStation, a B.B. gun, a new little football, and new football pants.
Love, Jaron Kelley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a B.B. gun, a PlayStation, a football, and football pants.
Love, Connor Kelley

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. So if you could please bring me a Barbie doll, a scooter, and a Candy Land board game.
Love, Amanda Wilson

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Haley Bryan

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For Christmas I want a skateboard, Driver 2, X-Men, Braveheart, My Mom want a bed, a dress, a coat, a computer. My sister wants a car.
William Petty

Dear Santa,
I hope for Christmas I get a play motorcycle, four wheel and another play motorcycle on a weh I get fifteen I want a real motorcycle and a real corvette.
Love, Dylan

Dear Santa,
I hope for Christmas that I get a scooter, golf cart, clothes, desk for my new room, stars to go on my ceiling, bed spread with stars moons clouds, bells for my door and also a stereo and T.V. cabinet.
Love, BreAnn

Dear Santa,
This year I want 4 boxes of all the Digimon cards and a recorder and all of the Digimon toys and a trampoline and all the Grinch toys and a near Guitar and a Fight pink Game Boy and a new skater and a new white and black terno.
Amber

Dear Santa,
I hope for Christmas that I get a game name Muse Trap, Cloth, Barbie Cash Register, Timberlands, Riding Scooter and Lots of spigs.
Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,
I hope to find you good this year. My name is Danielle Hardwick. I live at 1237 Jones Circle, Elba, AL 36323. I just wanted to let you know that I have been a good girl this year so here something that I would like A bike, a jump rope, a Doll, some jewelry, some shoes and socks I really thank you for bringing them to me this year.
Danielle

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I hope for Christmas that I get a Barbie doll and a play-play cash register.
Verlunqua

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All I want for Christmas is a cotton candy maker, Angelica doll, a baby stroller and a long Happy life.
Alexie

Dear Santa,
I want a go car, TV, VCR, Mett, scoot suppls playhouse, Dg Play set, Ruffman, sugar bowl, Reswin mans, cat woman, pokemon cards, toy story
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Merry Christmas
From
DENISE'S
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Denise, Dawn & Melissa

Good Tidings
at Christmas
We wish you a beautiful Christmas with all the trimmings.
Many thanks for your valued patronage.
Dairy Queen
Claxton Ave., Elba
897-5188

**WISHING YOU THE
Happiest of Holidays**
You've helped
make this
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we wished it
would be.
Thank you
for your generous
support

Dear Santa

MORE... MCCOLLOUGH'S 2ND GRADE ELBA ELEMENTARY

McCollough's class. I am eight years old. How has it been going? I know it's cold up there. Guess what I want! I want a lot of Hello Kitty stuff. I want a Hello Kitty suitcase, a new pillow and an Ice Cream Maker. I want a snow maker, some cool clothes clips doll, and Super Slide Kelly. I am going to leave you milk and cookies. Will you please bring my brother a rifle, a four wheeler and a paint ball gun. Love, Corthee Driggers

MITCHELL'S 2ND GRADE ELBA ELEMENTARY

Dear Santa,
I want a gun. I want play station. I want sum mune for my mom. I want a picth of rodf.
Love, Nikki

Dear Santa,
I want a Action man, a Scooter, a Game Boy Game, a poochie, a Basket Ball set, Max Steel, Batman Set. A new puzlight year, a shaving set, a playstation, a 102 Dalmation dog. I want a dog. I want a whach, a teddy bear, some Action figgers, some play station games, some socks, some clothes, some hot wheel cars, a snow bord with a man, a bike, a map of the solar system, a computer, a tobogen, a coat, some

sweters, pants, a robe, snow.
Love, Daniel Bannin

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob Petrie. I want a Dragon ball and a basketball.
Love, Jesse Stokes

Dear Santa,
I want a poochie. I want fingernail set. I want some money, a 102 dalmation dog, a kiss, a hug, a pes of candy.
Love, Kilajah

Dear Santa,
My name is Ahmand Bilal. I'm just writing to tell what I want. Sega Dream Cast, poochie, frog 2, game boy crayon green, playstation 2, action man, Febo, cat, dog, skate-board man.
Love, Ahmand

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, a Sega dreamcast with some games with it. I want a playstation because my other one turn up. I need game boy color, a game to it. I want a gotecar that is like a real car. I want a townadel twister, a chekbike, a runke choi car, a dirt bike.
Love, Deronta

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo 64, 12 version, ever Digimon card, Poke'mon, station for nintendo 64, pokemon goled and silver.
Love, Dakota

Dear Santa,
I want a new controller to my Sega Dream Casts and a big bike and I do need a new Dual playstation.
Love, Omarion

Dear Santa,
You are the best. You give people a lot of presents. I love everyone you got me. I want a dog and a gold scooter with green wheels and a home. I hope I get a lot of present every Christmas. You got a lot of stuff in your bag.
Love, Jesse Stokes

Dear Santa,
Do you think I have been good this year? I hope so. I wish I could be your little helper. I think it would be fun. Here is some things that I want. Poochy, Bouncing ball, Playhouse, clothes, and radio. Give Rudolph a hug and a kiss. To Santa.
Love, Salina

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter. I want a nintendo 64. I want a lab top. I want a four wheeler. I want a Sega Dream cast. I want a game boy. I want some money. I want a playstation 2. I want a skateboard. I want a Drag-onballz action figer. I want some clothes. I want a mo controll car and truck. I want a good Christmas and a holiday.
Love, Braum Robinson

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. Santa, Nintendo decoration, close, fingernail maker, make up kitt, grinch move, ragrat goes to Paris, pizza make, spagedy make, easy bake.
Love, Amber

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want a play station.
Love, Aspen

I want a soccer game, poochie, and a baseball. Barbie and sum real fingernails, scooter, a game boy color, clothes, a Christmas Barbie, clothes, Decoration, playstation, a desc, a kin Barbie, a holiday Bear, a raindir, my on dog, and to have fun, and sum shus, and sum clothes.
Love, Jessica

Dear Santa,
My name is Courtney. I have been very good this year. I would like a poochie & Super Poochie dog. A pokemon game for my game boy color, a Fib Finder game. I want the N'SYNC doll "Lance." A tote bag for my Piano books. And some clothes and lots of surprises. I will leave some milk & cookies under the tree for you.
Love, Courtney Rugg

Dear Santa,
I want a fingernail maker. I want a clothes decoration maker. I want a stuff by power puff girl. I want a playstation. I want a sega dream cast. I want an angel as tall as me. I want a action gint. I want a toy Santa. I want a poochie. I want a Christmas book. I want a scooter. I want a basketball. I want a soccer ball. I want my stit neck to get beeder. I want 2 clue game. I want a power puff girl hat.
Love, Persephone

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter man. I want to see my dad. I want some play money. I want a thing of army men. I want a 2 controller. I want a Christmas barbie. I want a poke'mon stadium.
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ELBA ELEMENTARY WISE'S CLASS 2ND GRADE

Dear Santa,
Skatnis, Maduline Doll, Cloths, a fish, my new deam baby, Barbe cash register, store, nintendo 64.
Pricilla

Dear Santa,
A Jeep with a battery, A Kickench with food. A bike and a playroom. A big chalk board, cellphone and beeper, generation girl high school, computer and basketball. I want a big pool play grond glose.
Love, Natalie

Dear Santa,
I want a skeeter a hush liltle baby and a baby born doll purse clothe's shoe's. Jewlry bike playstation two Angelica doll Game boy Color T.V. go cart computer checkers v.c.r. Bingo Game Gooze basket ball radio Lip gloss maker Nale Salon dancen Deby Latino Sixty Four Make up
Mindy

Dear Santa,
I have ben so good this year. My first wish is that all the children in the world get presents. My second wish is sega dream cast and a T.V. My third wish is a bicel scooter and dancing Debbie. Canira, gymnastics stuff, baby doll stroler, game boy color, and gooze, cubets invlatabal stuff, top it nail salon, the lip gloss macker and a Barbie

moter home and supper nail creation.
Lindsey Canley

Dear Santa,
I want a doll name makeup Minda and some nails and a scooter for Christmas. Did I be good? I want a dressup clothes and I want a gur hove and a Doll and some toys game I want a playstation for Christmas and a glop and a Diar to an som rigs to a fuzz pin.
Love, Jada

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a skootr. I want a gootkart and a ZZ Vivle. I wanta baskgoold and a littl mootlidl. I will leve you a glass of muke and somecome, cokgeese. I will live youre rads some cers.
Love, Johnathon

Dear Santa,
I want a big candy cane and I been so bad and mean and my mama wants a Angal and my gramama wants a Angal an I want all the candy canes and my sister wants a monopley Junyer.
Love, Ronnie

Dear Santa,
I want a spear gun, a jack hamer, a 410, a sd and tapplayen poo to gather, a train, xman, a set of pokeman, a new house, batman suit, paintball gun, a sketer, piwerrager, the end.
Ashton

Dear Santa,
I want a troy state suit with the knee pads with shoulder pads. I want all the pads with the troy state suit.
Love, Cameron

Dear Santa,
I have ben good. I want three game boy games. A dirt bike. A play station and a Nintendo 64.
Dylan

Dear Santa,
I have ben good this year. I want sketer and my drem baby, a deva starand a BIG candy cane.
Love, Brittany

Dear Santa,
I want a nail creation and Barbie airplane and the Barbie car and a pair of skates and I want Lipstick and the neallpolish, and the Britney Spears and a candycande and dancing Dabe, and the Angelica doll.
Love, Kendra

Dear Santa,
Please make everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want a skoter and a Twin doll and extreme bop it. And please get Hunter a camcorder. I'm leaving milk for you.
Love, Molly McGuire

Dear Santa,
generation girl high school, C vido camra, My Dream Baby, Barbie Dream house, powerpuff, blossom Doll, Barbie lip gloss maker, Diva Stars Doll. I want a Lexa cabbage patch peanut & Jelly kid. Barbie Jenie Bottle, Sing in swing Angelica. Kick in spashl. Easy Bake palyset. Barbie talk with me Smart phone, Barbie Airplane. I will leave milk and cookies.
Love, Sarena

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Dog. I want a scooter. I want a cat. I want a rifle. I want a sum huncios. I want a playstation.
Love, Jantzen

Dear Santa,
I want fogr, nill polesn bike and T.V. doll, play-station and Christmas tree.
Kurs

ELBA ELEMENTARY MISS PHILLIPS' CLASS 3RD GRADE

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas: I want a 22 rifle so I can go hunting. I want a steering wheel and paddles to go with my playstation, and I want James Bond racing to go with my playstation also. Have a Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Robby Forbes

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart and a four-wheeler. I also want a Nintendo 64 game. I have been very good. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I would like a bike, basketball goal, a safe to keep my money in, a radio, air bag chair, hot wheels track, clothes, pool table, dart-board, shoes trampoline, remote control car, and a V-Tech Computer.
PS. Please bring my dog, Sassy, a bone.
Love, DJ. McKee

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a baby doll. The name of the doll is Amaz-

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ing Baby. I also would like surprises. What I really want is the movie Rugrats in Paris and some video games. I have a Super Nintendo. I would like some Game Boy pocket

Our Holiday Wish
Here's to love and fun for everyone.
Here's to good cheer with thoses nearand dear
Here's to perfect joy for every girl and boy,
Here's to you all and may you have a ball!
Merry Christmas to everyone.

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The Shining Spirit of Christmas
Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of our Savior and His message of eternal life.
We hope you enjoy a happy and holy holiday

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Elba, AL 897-2225

Ring in Peace
We hope that this season resounds with much love, joy and peace for all.
We are grateful for your friendship.

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...and a Partridge in a Pear Tree!
Wishing everyone a most festive season, filled with dozens of wonderful things.

ELBA AUTO PARTS
Elba, AL 897-2231

All the Trimmings
Wishing you a season trimmed with peace, joy and cheer.
Thanks for providing a bright spot in our lives this year.

Happy Holidays to all our friends and neighbors.

Dr. & Mrs. Billy Farris
1014 N. Drayton St.
Elba, AL 897-6477

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TWELVE DAYS of CHRISTMAS

...On the twelfth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me,
twelve pipers piping,
eleven drummers drumming,
ten lords a-leaping,
nine ladies dancing,
eight maids a-milking,
seven swans a-swimming,
six geese a-laying,
five golden rings,
four calling birds,
three french hens,
two turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.

May all the days of the season be filled with happiness, good cheer, and delightful surprises for you and those you love. Thank you for bringing us the gift of your patronage this year.



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Dear Santa

MORE . . .
**ELBA ELEMENTARY
 MISS PHILLIPS' CLASS
 3RD GRADE**
 Love, Janae Camley

Dear Santa,
 I would like you to bring me some Dragon Ball Z-Cards and figures. I would like you bring me Pokedex, the new version, and Pokemon cards. The Pokemon cards and Yellow version are at Enterprise's Wal-Mart. The Pokedex, and Dragon Ball Z Cards and figures are at Wal-Mart.

Love, Johnathan Kelley

Dear Santa,
 I wish for a boxer, baby jaguar or a cat. One more thing I want is a pack of cards. I love Christmas the most of all. My birthday is December also. In God I Trust!

Love, Tyrese Daniels

Dear Santa,
 I would like a BB gun for Christmas. I would also like a skateboard, a trampoline, a bulldog, a computer, and a pillow with a ruler on it.

Love, Joshua Maddox

Dear Santa,
 I want a 22 rifle, a scooter, some camera, a cd player, a blow-up, and a computer. Love, Dylan

Dear Santa,
 I want some toys and puppy for Christmas. I hope my class has a very good Christmas and my wonderful teacher, Miss Phillips. I hope all of my family can come to town, but some of them are not. Anyway, Christmas is my favorite holiday of the year. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Alex Dixon

Dear Santa,
 If you would, please get me some playstation games, a scooter, a new bed set, a bike, roller blades, and get my brother and the rest of my family something too. I also want a computer, pokemon cards, and a journal so I can write stuff in it. I want all the pokemon stuff that you can find. I want some new fish, a new pocketknife, a printer for the computer, and a paper. I want a rock collection and I want you to have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Brandon Byrd

Dear Santa,
 I would like to have some cd's, clothes, a new bike, and some money. I want December 25th, 2000 to be a great Christmas and I want my family to get along.

Love, Amanda Scott

Dear Santa,
 I hope you will have a good Christmas and I hope you will come to see me. My brother, my sister, and I will leave out some cookies, milk, and cheese for you to eat. I want a four wheeler. I hope you bring it. I live in Elba. I hope you come to see me at Kelly Drive.

Love, Kevin Allen

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas, I want my two front teeth, a hamster with a cage, a scooter, trampoline, a cd player, and some cd's like 3LW, Destiny's Child, Little Bow Wow Brandy, Backstreet Boys and TLC.

Love, Ken Jones

Dear Santa,
 I would like a bike and some shoes. I want my family to be happy. Pray for my mother Sheila, and my dad Bob, and for my grandmother Martha. Please just pray for all of my family.

Love, Sharitha Tyson

Dear Santa,
 I am in the third grade. I am excited about Christmas this year. There are a few things I want for Christmas. I want gold and silver for my gameboy. I want some pokemon movies. That's all, please. I will see you on Christmas eve. Good bye. I forgot one more thing. I want a new bike.

Love, Brian Roberts

Dear Santa,
 I'll thank you for the presents you gave me last year. But my list for this year goes like this: 1. playstation 2. scooter 3. gameboy. Thank you for the gifts.

Love, Tevin Tyson

Dear Santa,
 My name is Ben. How are you? Is anyone hurt, sick or sad? I hope not! If you mind, I would like a few things. I would like a toy farm, punching bag, and a few other presents too. But if you don't make them all, it doesn't matter. It was nice talking to you. Bye Bye for now.

Love, Ben Pope

Dear Santa,
 My name is Ryan and I am in the third grade. This is my list. I want a bike, Max Steel, computer, and a four wheeler. That is all the things I want for Christmas. I will give you some chocolate chip cookies and milk. Thanks for the gift.

Love, Ryan Pope

Dear Santa,
 My name is Jeanetta Burks. I was happy for the presents that you gave me. I had a joyful Christmas. I would like you to give me a new born baby, a CD player, and some outfits. Since I had a joyful Christmas, you have one too. Merry Christmas!

Love, Jeanetta Burks

Dear Santa,
 I'm Catherine and I'm in the third grade. Happy holidays and thanks for last year's gifts. I would like a hand held CD player. I also want a CD to go with it. I want some lip gloss, fingernail polish, and Bath and Body Works. Cookies and milk will be waiting. Merry Christmas!

Love, Catherine Irwin

Dear Santa,
 I will be glad to meet you on Christmas day and I will thank you for the presents that you gave me last year. Santa, I love you very much. I want a few things for Christmas and that is toys, a go cart, a diamond ring, and a puppy. Thank you for the gifts. Merry Christmas!

Love, Keke Oliver

Dear Santa,
 I have a play station 2 and Dremacs and Sharperimage and a shot gun. Sincerely, Deon Turner

Dear Santa,
 I want you to bring me a go cart, cause my ad has been saying that he was going to bring me one but he never did. But I really want a new car. New shoes and some New Clothes. I want a Barbie Shop and a Santa Claus Suit just like yours. I want to sound just like you. Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! But I really want is a Nike. But please don't be like Mr. Grinch because he stole Mrs. Doggett and McCormick's Stockings and most best.

Sincerely, Jessica Lockett

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Gameboy Color for Christmas. I hope you will bring me a rumble park and Vigilant 2 and the big pack of Airplanes I want.

Love, Ethan C.

Dear Santa,
 I want a gocart with peddle a Sears van and a remote control M-1 tank with rail sound, a punching bag with boxing gloves, remote control robot, and a 24 Karat gold neck-lace with a dragon holding a ball in its feet. OK Santa, if you do bring me all this stuff I will have cookies and milk waiting for you. Tanks Santa I hope all you elves can make all the stuff.

Love, Jason Allen

Dear Santa,
 I would like a bicycle and a Gate-way. I would like a watch and I would like some clothes, shoes, doll toys, CD's, Books, and a CD player, radio, games, basketball goal, Barbie, and an Easy-Bake oven. Thank You

Love, Shabrecka

Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year. I would like skates and Easy Bake and a doll for Christmas.

Love, Jessica Starks

Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year. I would like a pair of boots, and a set of walkie talkies and a fish tank for my fish and some play man and a

Love, Seth Walden

Dear Santa,
 I have been good. I have smiled a lot and have been happy. I would like a CD player and some CD's for Christmas.

Love, Kadarius Thomas

Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year. I would like dirt bike, baseball bat, bicycle, Hopscotch, Heather, Clothes, Shoes for Christmas.

Love, Reality Singletary

Dear Santa,
 I have been very happy and good this year. I would like toy phone, teddy bear, grinch toy for Christmas.

Love, Denlae

Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year. I would like Bicycle, Doll, Art Set, gel Penset and desk for Christmas.

Love, Ashley

Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year. I would like Drums, Scooter, Shoes for Christmas.

Love, Sean

Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year. I would like a B.B. Gun, Nintendo 64, a scooter, Action Men Toys, Robotic Puppy, Skates, X-Men Figures, and a New President of the USA!

Love, Timothy Reeves

Dear Santa,
 I have been good this year. I would like Barbie Beach Playtoy, Roller Blades, Scooter, Barbie Cashregister for Christmas.

Love, Meagan

Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year. I would like bike, baby doll, computer, chalkboard and a walkman. I left cookies for you for Christmas.

Love, Shakiva

Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year. I would like a scooter, sillysuspens, a color gameboy (red), talking Rudolph for Christmas.

Love, Danielle Bush

Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year. I would like a Elmo doll, shoes and a basketball goal, a new 64 game, and a new basketball for Christmas. Thank you.

Love, Darrean Burks

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Love, Nikki Nelson

Dear Santa,
I want a bird. I want a big kids truck. I want a ball. I want a blow up chair and a stand up unicorn. I want a hors.
Love, Rebecca Martin

Dear Santa,
I want pokemon and I want digimon the movies. I want a alien race truck. I want a motersiel. I want a 4x4. I will leev you some cookys and milk.
Love, Kyle Messina

Dear Santa,
I want a dart-gun. I want a puppy. I want a 4x4 truck and I a buzz. I want a fish.
Love, Mark Bliez

Dear Santa,
I want drek queen and a carnie. I want a desk and a keneth. I want a big doll house and a book to help cook. I want dolls and a telephone. I am going to leve chreclota chop clooke and milke.
Love, Cornenda McGhee

Dear Santa,
I want a get and a woch. I want a dart gun and a pokemon.
Love, Justin Simmons

Dear Santa,
I want a dart gum and a truck. I want a 7x7 truck and a tap. I want a car and a ril map.
Love, Cole Hodge

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart, a skateboard. I want a bike.
Love, Zachary Leverett

Dear Santa,
I want a Game, tv, pocketnife Lock, computer, Skateboard, and a trampoline.
Love, Austin Money

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Want a trampoline. And a puppy.
Love, Brittanie Kidd

Dear Santa,
I want a pocket knife and I want my own reading book. I want three skateboards.
Love, KYLE Boswell

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, a pocket knife, skate board, guinea pig, and a trampoline.
Love, Dillon

Dear Santa,
I want a boom box, a coloring book, a bike and baby. I have been good.
From, Mercedes Bell

Dear Santa,
I want a gameboy color, a Skateboard, a trampoline, a scooter and a go-cart. I've been good.
Love, Abbey Gatlin

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo plug. Sunson Diskmikes
Love, Courtney Napper

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart a Gate way Compuie, a collar for my dog and for my cat. I have been good.
Love, Amy McWaters

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart, alarm clock and a dalmation dog. I have been good.
Thank you, Cheyenne Nelson

Dear Santa,
I want a Gateway computer, a collar for my cat, a god spirit for being good.
Love, Courtney Napper

Dear Santa,
I want a pocket knife, scooter, trampoline, keyboard, Sing Spell Read and Write, and a Frogger 2.
Love, Noah Sanders

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, baby, nintendo, And A boombox OF MY own. I have Been good
Love, Rachael Senn

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and a baby.
Love, Amber Powell

Dear Santa,
I want a gocart and I want ababy Love, KHAdiJH Bell

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want a present like a good present. I want a boom box and a new toy. My favorite color is pink and I want my boom box to be pink. Santa, I want these things.
Love, Cassandra Holly Nelson

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. I want a new pair of nikes, new clothes and I want a teddy bear. I have been good.
Love, Madison Paris Sanders

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of skates and a helmet. I want pads and a bicycle that is blue.
Love, Clint Wise

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Merry Christmas, Shelby

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Your friend, Kendra Culver

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Your friend, Heather Hines

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ZION CHAPEL ELEMENTARY MRS. MCINTOSH'S 3RD GRADE

Dear Santa,
I am in the 3rd grade at Zion Chapel Elem. School. Here is a list of things that I would like for Christmas. I would like a chihluahu, a computer, and clothes. My brother Ricky would like a tiger. He likes them. My sister Belinda would like a bird. I will put some cookies on the table for you and some carrots for your deer.
Love, Jessica Baxley

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like Kelly cuddly doll. I don't want much. I would like for my step dad to come home from Bosnia. We miss him very much.
Your friend, Breanne Little

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. There are some things I want. I want an electric scooter and I need a bookbag.
Love, Alexis Messina

Dear Santa,
I'm in the 3rd grade at ZCES for Christmas. I would like a Dancing Bebbie, Hop Scotch Hether, some CDs, and a pounche, and makeup, and a lot of money, some boxers, some halleys, a diary with a key and pen, and boxes, earrings, jewelry.
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Sincerely, Erika

Dear Santa,
I will like a bike, Pokemon 2000 movie, books, five red led pencils, CD player, Britanny Spears CD, closes and lost of toys.
Love, Loretta Aceman

Dear Santa,
I'm in the third grade at Zion Chapel Elementary School. I have been a good boy this year. I will leave you some cookies on Christmas Eve. Is Rudolph's nose still glowing bright? Has there been many blizzards at the North Pole? All I want for Christmas is a four wheeler, remote control that shows day and night, a telescope, fishing car, robotic controlled dirt bike, and a gold boys necklace. Hope to see you again next year.
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avetex wagam and candy.
Love, Stephen

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I want a computer and a tv for
Christmas. I have a lot more things
the things are a basket goal a tot
around tv and a bobit extreme.
Something else I want is a doll that
eats real. Another thing is a dancing
debbie doll. This is the very last
thing I want Santa and it is a puppy
dog. Santa that is what I want for
Christmas.
Love, Meagan Jones

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ring and neckils from you Santa. I
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elfs Santa. I want a four wheeler
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rester. I want a million dollars
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pichahoo bookbag from the elfs. I
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Love, Kayla Purvis

Dear Santa,
NTN0 64 game box car beb gun,
game for my pla st shn, too pack, 2
and tone bag, elern clock.
Love, Nick

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and I
want some games for my 64 but I
don't want cold. I think Santa is real
but another children think you is not
real and I love you. I want to see
you but I have to go to sleep. Tell
rainders ha. I hope you no where I
live and drive safe. When you get
home tell the elfs that they did a
good job on the toys and they
worked hard on the boys.
Love, Jamiah

Dear Santa,
For Crstmas I wolt a pack of race
cars, and I wolt a bowmanrow, and I
wolt a new bed, and I wolt the c.d.
black and blue, and I wolt a new
bastiball, and I wolt a 100 dollar
bill, and I wolt some snow to come
down, and I wolt some tickes to the
foodballgame, and I wolt some
Nike shoes.
Love, Brandon C.

Dear Santa,
I want a cool babe for Christmas. I
want a basketball for Christmas. I
want a baby doll that talk for
Christmas. I want a Liti bach baby
for Christmas. I want a puppy for
Christmas. I want a bike for Christ-
mas. I want a baby doll that's can
walk and eat for Christmas. I want
lots of clothes for Christmas.
Love, Belinda Jones-Pitt

Dear Santa,
I want a Lego Space Misson for
Chrismas. I want a dog for Chris-
mas. I do not want a cat. I want a
dog. I want a Power Ranger high
Speed Rescue Train.
Love, Shelby

Dear Santa,
I want a new game and some new
cloths. And a toy And a jet that can
fly. And I want some coly.
Love, KC-undig

MISS NOLIN'S 3RD GRADE
NEW BROCKTON
ELEMENTARY

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good this
year, so if you can, may you bring
for me Spyro the dragon, Spyro
year of the dragon, a toy spiro
year of the dragon, a doll house, a doll
van and two dolls. For my brother, a
car track, 10 cars, and a new skate-
board. For my stepdad, Metal Gear
Solid, some money and a job. For
my mom, some money, a better job.
Thank you for the gifts in the past.
Love, Nathalie Castellanos

Dear Santa,
But Santa can I tell you what I
want, please I want some shoes,
Santa.
Shuntela McNair

Dear Santa,
I have been real good Santa. I hope
you give me some presents. If you
come to my house. I will leave
some cookies and milk. I want a tv
and a bike and clothes. A sticker
box. A lot of dolls, a printer and a
lot of teddy bears and swing. A lot

remocin trole tico reband dirt bike
and a computer and some cloths and
a gocart and four wheeler and some
posters, a radio and a video game,
but most of all I want my family
and friends.
Love, Austin Bryant

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I hope you
will bring me what I want. I hope
you can bring me the whole collec-
tion of small bikes like the ones I
already have. And I want two new
playstation games.
Your friend, Forrest W.

Dear Santa,
I have been verely sweet to my
brother and my family. Santo if you
can I wan't a needils that has a
foot-ball on it. And can you give my
brother a toy gocart.
Love, Mike Gosha

Dear Santa,
I have been a good child. I'm ask-
ing you for a Nintendo 64, Poke-
mon Stadium, Tony Hawks pro-
skater, Sydney 2000, clothes,
playstation game and a low rider,
thank you. Love, Tevin McNair

Dear Santa,
I can find. How are you? I would like
a tv, ver. a car around cd player, 5
cds, some gooze, and a basketball.
And that was my list.
Love, Kelly Wood.

Dear Santa,
I have been trying too be good. Will
you please bring my a new bike, and
one 64 game a game boy and
Poke'n cards and sports gife and
something for my mom and dad.
Alice and Annada, and Ryan.
Love, Josh Pynes

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl this
year. If you can will you bring me
the C.D. Mrs. Jackson A new Bike
And my daddy. He is still in Hon-
olulu. If I am not asking to much.
Just one more thing a puppy. Just
one more thing, well two more
things, a TV, and remot control.
And a VCR.
Sincerely, Bailey

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. If you
can will you bring me a scooter and
a basketball goal. And some CD.
And a book. And a pool table. And
will you bring me some sock and
cookies. Thank Santa.
P.S. Aerica Barefoot

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. And I
hope you bring me a bike, books, a
watch and new clothe. I thank you
for the other things I have gotten
there where nice. Thank you so
much, Santa. Santa you have been
so good to me and I hope you get
me what I want. I will leave some
cheese. I thank you again.
Love, Chelsea Lindsey

Dear Santa,
I have been extra good this year. I
want a bike, a C.D. player, a new
bed, a book, some pants, some jew-
elry, a puppy, the movie 102 dalmat-
is. If you can bring it. Thank you.
Love, Krista Thomas

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I
hope to get a lot of stuff. I want a
t.v. and a sufter and lots of por-
shilling dolls.
Love, Tony, Emily Bowers

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. If you
can bring me a tv and a kulpul of
moves. An I love you Santa.
Love, Taylor Jeter

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I
hope you bring me a new bridle and
a brest strape. For my new horse. I
want a back strape and a saddle for
her. I also want a saddle stand for
her. Santa I hope you bring me all
this but what I want most of all is
my mom and dad and Heather. I
hope they all get a horse of there
on. Thats all Santa.
Love, Chase Hendrix

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Pleas give me a
bike, a cd player, a train clock, a
poochi dog, a X-Treme motor cross, a
tornado Twister, four wheeler speed
wrench-skates, Poke'mon stadium.
Love, Justin Salter

Dear Santa,
I have been waiting for Christmas
for a long time. I really want some
cloths and shoes, a CD player, a
keyboard, a art set, P's a new bed-
set. Santa thank you for giving
everything that you gave me.
Love, Sarah White

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good kid. If it
isn't any trouble could you bring
me some toys. This is a list of
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Love, Sincerely, Brittney Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and a game boy
and a remoken troll Manster truck
and forty dollars and a computer
with a printer and a deer hunter
three and the new double ee seven
and a big screen TV. And Ms. Kel-
ley two bonus checks and Doctor
Tousman One hundred dollars.
Love, Kyle

Dear Santa,
I hope you can land on my roof
because my roof is not flat. Can you
bring me a trampoline, remolt con-
role cat, N64 with some games,
inline skates, a fince for my trape-
line, a vertramp, a skatehorde, a
ravor wheelie, a whelder for my
uncle-toe so he can fix my racing
gocart.
Love, Danny

Dear Santa,
I want the Crismas to be the best. I
hope that every-jy gets what they
want. I hope my family gets what
they won't and me. And Ms. Kelly
needs a bonus check for Crismas.
I want a motorcicle and a body to go
hope. Myla get some clothing, a
remote conlle car. A helmet. I hope
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Your Best friend, Dustin Jower

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I like the art set you gave me last
year. This year I will like a meale
detector. My mom would like for
her colt to follow her camands. Ms.
Kelley would love a bonus check.
Your friend, Ethan Wagnon

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, and Miss Kelly a
bourne check!!!! And I want a
Game Boy and a bike, basketball
and a CD player. And a football and
my Grandmom earrings and my
mommy a neckles and my grandad
a truch and my brother a Skeoter
and my babby brother a biab and
my other brother a play car and me
a skate board.
Love, Anthony

Dear Santa,
I love your Christmas tree. I love
you Santa Claus. I will keep you
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CAROL MOONEY'S
KINDERGARTEN
NEW BROCKTON
ELEMENTARY

Dear Santa,
I want my size Butterfly Barbie,
Secret Message Barbie, Singing
Angelica. And clothes.
Faith Caylor

Dear Santa,
I want some Digimon stuff, long
sleeve shirts, a bed robe, and pythn
skin boots for Christmas.
Love, Jesse Watson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year
and am doing good in school. I
want all of this for Christmas or just
some. I want a big truck and trailer,
lava lamp, 2 big truck trailers, boom
box, and some more levi's.
Love, Robert Watley

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I want 4 C.D.S. I want to love
every body. I want a friend to like.
Love,
Hallie
Jowers

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want I want a CD
Player and CD's and Brittany
Spears new CD, shoes, jewelry,
clase, mindy makeup doll, gidy up
doll, a foot box and folders, nikes,
rings, makeup and that's what I want
from you and a clsk and school
stuff thanks Alot By Santa Clause.
Love,
Whitney

KINSTON ELEMENTARY
MRS. PRESLEY
3RD GRADE

Dear Santa,
I want a Brittney Spears Baby doll.
I want the who let the dogs on CD. I
want a rado, T want a watch. I want
the back streit boys CD, and I want
a coloring book, I want a Kristina
aural CD, I want new shoes, I want
some candles, I want a puchy.
I want a tom gochy. I want a Guppy.
I want a hat. I want a jungle Bok
movie. I want the new tiger movie. I
want some books. I want a Dorothy
barbie doll. I want a 4-wheeler
Stephanie

Dear Santa,
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mas. I want A football game for a
playstation and a dtty dog and. I
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Your friend,
Joey

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t.v., a phoo-chihot was on t.v, May
God bless you.
Brandon Pierce

Dear Santa,
I lie Christmas. I want a new kitten.
I already got a new puppy. I like
Christmas because its also my
Riders. Courtney and Donnie's
birthday in the month December. I
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especially my birthday May 17,
2001. I like to decorate the with-
gifs decorate trees and listen to
Christmas carols. Oh did I menter
I will be turning nine in May?
We're going to a dirty Santa party
this Saturday. This is hw it goes,
the grown-ups will draw a number and
then Aunt debbie will call out a
number each time and who ever has
that number will get a present and
you can also still from sombody too.
Ashleigh N.

Dear Santa,
I want a hor and a fourwheeler, a
gocart, a t.v, a stereo, I want my
teacher <rs Presley and I want a
computer and I want all kinds of
lothes. I want annils, I want the
wlds, I want that is all "can thint of
so see you on Christmas night by.
Amber Jacobs

Dear Santa,
I hope you get me sum good toys
this year make sur you get sym for
my brothers but not to much for
them and sum for my mom and dad
don't forget jeff and have a maryl
Christmas and to all the others at
the North Pole and I hope you don't
get tired on the long trip around the
world I hope you have a big toy
bag full all till the others on the trip.
Jacob Holton

Dear Santa,
I want some toys because I don't
need anything and tell Roodof that
I said hi and all of the reindeer
because I can't name all of them
reindeer tho so many of them and
if you could bring my brother a
army set and tell Mrs. Clas that i
said no to and if other people say
that you not real but I still beleve in
you they can say what every that
want to say it must be cold in the
North Pole I could not emigen how
it would be like up there. Merry
Christmas!
Melissa Pierce

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of roller skates and ice
skates. I want bak leathery bellbot-
tons, I want a vest to go with it,
Love,
Chelsea

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to get my sister a bike
for Christmas. I want to get me 12
things, I want a dog, a cat and a bike.
I want you to get me two baby doll.

Dear Santa,
I want you to get me a new bike. Will
you come to my house this Christ-
mas? Will you get me a new trape-
line. Will you get me a puppy and a kitten.
I wish my new house had be fin-
ished.
Jake Hataway

Dear Santa,
I want a dog, and maybe a cat or a
fish and a gameboy and a lo of
Anels and a lo of doll for lorks and
my on and a redo game and a lot of
re do game for my re do game and a
coloring book and boks and a B.B.
gun and a lot of B.B. for my B.B.
gun and a four wheeler and a lot of
dolls and cds who leet the dog out
and the cd Backstreet Boy and Cd
Whetasp.
Alissa Attilla

Dear Santa,
I want a Special toy, and I want a
hamster, and I like thanimal and
Santa please bring me a hamster,
thankyou Santa you re the best
Santa we like, and Santa can you do
me a faver can you let me make od
the test Santa. bring me any special
toy you got in your place in the
Northpole. can you bring me these
can you bring my family, and why
you are there can you bring Mrs.
Santa on you slay win it is Cjro-
mas, merry Christmas Mrs. Santa,
and Mr. Santa, and please Santa can
you bring a raindeer like rofof, are
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Bethany Holley

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a Furhunny a Brit-
tany Spears doll a Britany Spears
CD The new one a Backstreet boys
CD Barba a new Bike a coton cady
marker a Britany Spears poster puzzle
and a scooter.
your friend,
Alyse Roberts

Dear Santa,
I would like a twenty-two, football,
nintendo, sixty-four, skeeter, dirt
bike, airplane, pet lizard, gocart,
four wheeler, and some other cool
stuff like paint ball guns and stuff,
Like lava lamp Green Bay Packers
helmet.
Daniel Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a 20 game shogun, a skuter,
some 243 shells, some 410 shells,
and a fanny pack a knife and some
other hunting stuff, and a paint ball
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Trent Archie

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For Christmas I want a go cart &

some black shoes & A Satulight &
A pair of car rings? a new game for
my nintandow 64 & I want a bning
game for brother, I want a bracelet
for me and mother. And a new gun
for Dad.
Thanks,
Abby Victoria W.

Dear Santa,
I want a fourwheeler. I want some
jeans and some lng sleeve shirts.
I want some A.R. books read. I want
a Super train megazord. I want an
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Santa's On His Way!

Here's hoping the holidays bring everything on your wish list! You've been especially nice to us this year, and we'd like to say "thanks" for the gift of your patronage. Please accept our sincere best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

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Taking one last backward glance at 2000 before entering 2001

It has been said that by looking at the past, we can glimpse into the future. "History repeats itself."

If the above is indeed true, then let's pause and take a brief look at where we have been this past year and maybe gain some insight as to what our future holds.

As is the tradition with *The Elba Clipper*, we would like to review the past year by listing the following brief excerpts and/or headlines from the front pages of 2000 editions of the *Clipper*.

They are as follows:

JANUARY

January 6 - •Dropping the Ball - At midnight last Friday night, the citizens of Elba said goodbye to 1999 with the dropping of the lighted ball from the top of the historic courthouse in downtown Elba. •New Brockton contracts with Coffee County EMS to provide emergency medical services. Area utilities report no Y2K problems and all is good for 2000.

January 13 - •Elba resident voices opposition to proposed location of new Elba post office - not wanted on Claxton Avenue. •Longtime Coffee County Circuit Clerk Jim Ellis retires effective January 18, 2000. •Five county residents arrested for failure to comply with garbage law. •Deadlock vote leaves Co. Rd. 709 as is - no change in number.

January 20 - •Head-on collision kills one - Last Thursday, a late model Pontiac driven by Joel Alan Swasey, 17, of Enterprise collided with a tractor-trailer north of Enterprise on AL Hwy. 167 killing him. •County BOE takes no action on prayer group's request to meet during school hours. •Skinner's Furniture closing 16 stores - one of which was the Elba store. •Janice McCall named interim Circuit Clerk.

January 27 - •Governor's Long range Disaster Recovery and Avoidance Task Force hears encouraging reports from several local and state officials. •Jeremy Guthrie found guilty of attempted murder in the shooting death of Leighanne Manning Cuts. •U. S. Postal service to advertise for site and builder for new Elba Facility.

FEBRUARY

February 3 - •Elba native Cynthia Daniels Sellers distinguished in education field. •Dorsey Trailers announces 1999 income up - sales increase 15%. •GTE corrects software error in billing - some customers received overcharges due to software coding errors. •James I. Kelley retires from The National Security Group Inc. after 46 years of service.

February 10 - •New Brockton Town Council approves council pay hike and signs emergency services contract with Coffee County EMS. •U. S. Senator Richard Shelby to address Coffee County residents at county meeting. •Picture Recently, State Senator Jimmy Holley and State Representative Terry Spicer presented the Elba Elementary PTO with a check for \$10,000.

February 17 - •Superintendent of Elba City Schools Charles Pearce hands in resignation. Elba City Council updated on Federal Emergency Management Agency's drainage project. •Coffee County Commission parks twelve vehicles. •The trees around the perimeter of the courthouse square in downtown Elba were removed and will be replaced with "more suitable ones."

February 24 - •Kleinert's Incorporated of Alabama decides to produce all goods offshore. •Stiffer law in the making against making bomb threats. •U. S. Senator Richard Shelby talks to residents over breakfast. •Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsors team clean-up day

MARCH

March 2 - •Picture) Let We Forget - A solemn anniversary was observed yesterday, March 1, 2000. It was 21 years ago that Coffee County Sheriff C. E. "Neil" Grantham was murdered in cold blood in front of the jail. •Coffee County commission limits work on Zion Chapel ballpark and nixes E-911 dispatcher assistance.

March 9 - •Coffee County's Chief Real Property Appraiser facing DUI charge. •Third Brunson (W. L. "Bill" Brunson) elected to head National Security Insurance Co.; PSC Commissioner Jan Cook & GTE reps meet public. •Coffee County BOE reviews construction sites (new classrooms) at Zion Chapel and New Brockton.

March 16 - •Coffee County Commission fires county's chief real property appraiser. •Two escapees from the Coffee County Jail captured after 36 hours of freedom. •The Elba City Council moved one step closer to getting a critical need drainage project underway in Elba. •Picture) Flowered squares being constructed on square in downtown Elba.

March 23 - •Picture) Contestants in the Miss Elba and Zion Chapel pageants last Saturday night entertained the crowd by performing a dance number. •Alabama Main Street Program for revitalization of downtown in communities explained. •City of Elba receives grant from Governor's office for two new police cars. •Coffee County - Elba Division grand jury returns 32 indictments. •Piggly-Wiggly Mid-South, Inc. employees buy company.

March 30 - •City of Elba receives \$106,580 grant to begin impoundment study on Beaver Dam and Moore's Creek drainage problems. •Gary Watson announces candidacy for Coffee County Probate Judge. •Winzell Gray enters District 5 commissioner race. •Daylight Savings Time begins Saturday.

APRIL

April 6 - •Warning siren interrupts New Brockton Town council's monthly meeting Monday evening. •Alabama's legendary "Big" Ruby Folsom Ellis Austin dies at age 87. •Area law enforcement officials looking for two missing youths. •David Adam Lamb, 16, and Ashley Tanay Lamb, 15.

April 13 - •Jack teenager - Kacy Lee Clark - dies in one-car crash. •\$1.6 million Elba Nursing Home expansion and renovation project announced. •Dean Blair announces candidacy for County Commission District One seat. •Robert Stephens seeking re-election to District 3 Seat on County Commission.

April 20 - •\$1.5 million lawsuit against county pending - lawsuit filed by former juvenile probation Officer Eva McGrath-Love. •Gladys Yelverton seeking Democratic nomination for probate judge. •Linda Westbrook seeking re-election to District 1 Seat on commission. •Disappearance of local teenagers results in the arrest of an Opp man.

April 27 - •County Commissioners discuss pay raises and pending court cases. •County BOE members stand firm on present non-curriculum club policy. •Picture) Determined young man, Thomas McBride, achieves goal. •Picture) More ballpark funds (\$10,000) presented to Zion Chapel High School by State Sen. Jimmy Holley and State Rep. Terry Spicer.

MAY

May 4 - •\$10 million claim filed against county in the death of Jack

teenager Kacy Clark. •Dorsey Trailers turn profit in first quarter. •Mickey Counts seeks Democratic nomination for Circuit Clerk. •New Brockton Town Council denies claim in connection with car-trash truck collision.

May 11 - •County Commission debates hiring of appraiser. •Elba City BOE moves closer to naming new school superintendent. •Kayo Lewis seeking re-election to District 2 seat on commission. •Picture) Governor Don Siegelman signed into law a special bill allowing the City of Elba to construct and operate a fiber optic cable TV system.

May 18 - •Picture) Five-year old dies - a one-vehicle crash last Thursday evening took the life of Zachary David Roberts, age 5, of Barbour County. The incident occurred shortly after 4 p.m. approximately 13 miles north of Elba on AL Hwy. 87 in the Jack Community. •Judge sets a "no-delay" trial date for Russell William Cuts, Jr. who stands accused of murdering his father and step-mother.

May 25 - •Three die in mobile home fire in New Brockton - Daniel Lee Capps, 26, died while trying to save his son, William Daniel Capps, 3, and daughter, Camryn Julia Capps, 2 from the burning structure. •Commission and Revenue Commissioner remain at odds on appraiser position. •Jury returns verdict in favor of Wal-Mart over Elba couple. •Elba City BOE names Danny Weeks to serve as new superintendent.

JUNE

June 1 - •Elba man, Larry Burks, age 39, dies from gunshot wound. •Lynn Weeks appointed to state's crisis response team created by Alabama State Department of Education. •Automobile liability insurance mandatory - stiff fine in store for individuals failing to comply with new law. •Coffee County BOE names Lawrence Vickers as new Zion Chapel High School Principal.

June 8 - •Search heights for missing man - Wayne Douglas Bryan missing for nearly five years. •Coffee County's voter turn-out light (22 percent) for Democratic and Republican primary election held Tuesday. •Local municipalities gearing up for upcoming election. •Picture) Kleiner's opens Buster Brown store.

June 15 - •Drought awes Gov. Don Siegelman & officials - Siegelman in touring Southeast Alabama likens it unto the Sahara Desert. •County Commission approves \$1.2 million bond sale and lets contract on cell #5 at the county's landfill. •Elba City Council accepts bid on flood buy-out house and hears complaint on police officer.

June 22 - •Authorities halt search for Wayne Douglas Bryan - Burns vs Commission hearing set for Sept. 19th. •Grimes announces candidacy for re-election as Mayor of Elba. •Bill Brunson to serve as Elba BOE chairman for next 12 months. •Coffee County Jail escapee captured in Fayetteville, NC after 48 hours of freedom.

June 29 - •County Commission deals with bids and jail. •Picture) Tragedy Strikes - Last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Birdie Rushing was on her way home from work when the unimaginable happened. A large pine tree fell across the top of her car, crushing it, and causing her death. •Mickey Counts wins run-off race for Democratic nomination for Circuit Clerk.

JULY

July 6 - •Elba BOE names Mike Williams as principal of Elba High School. •Construction projects (new classrooms) on county schools'

campuses nearing completion. •Area farmers still in drought trouble even with the recent appearance of rain showers. •Elba man (Keith Shintell Tyson, age 20) arrested on robbery charges.

July 13 - •County commission goes behind closed doors to discuss pending legal action. •Minor adjustments made to three-year paving plan. •City of Elba - No funds approved for levee repair. •Elba man (Anton Smith, 32) charged with 2 counts of 1st degree rape. •David Bandstra seeking District 2 Seat on Elba City Council.

July 20 - •County classroom ready for students. •Picture) With temperatures hitting 106 degrees, youngsters head for the local swimming pool to cool off. •H. H. Culver announces candidacy for District 3 Seat on city council. •Candidate qualifying in the mayor and city council races in Elba, New Brockton and Kinston ended July 18.

July 27 - •Coffee County Commission looking at garbage options. •Picture) Groundbreaking for new speculative industrial building in Elba Industrial Park held Tuesday morning. •Elba City BOE hires new staff members. •L.M. Burch announces candidacy for Elba City Council - District 1. •Ben Carpenter seeking re-election to District 4 Seat on Elba City Council.

AUGUST

August 3 - •Large crowd in Opp Chamber of Commerce meeting room told by state highway officials that U. S. Hwy. 84 four-laning project is on schedule. •Charles Cole announces candidacy for office of Mayor of New Brockton. •Elba City BOE holds special meeting to fill three vacant staff positions.

August 10 - •Paul Morrow retires from Dorsey Trailers after 41 years of service. •Yellow Dog Democrat Bill Stokes honored. •Ronnie Hammond seeking re-election to District 5 seat on Elba City Council. •Picture) New hair and nail salon - Head 2 Toe opens in shopping center on AL 203 By-pass.

August 17 - •Municipal elections for Elba, New Brockton and Kinston set for Tuesday. •Picture) City of Elba's election manager, Herby McCall tests the voting machine to be used in Tuesday's municipal election. •Elba City Council honors girl's softball teams for state winnings. •Coffee County BOE approves \$13.3 million budget. •Weatherization program made available to Coffee County Citizens.

August 24 - •Municipal voters choose 2000-2001 leaders. •Elba City BOE approves \$6.54 million budget. •Four arrested on drug charges in Perry Store Community. •Picture) The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority provided funds in the amount of \$5,500 toward the installation of an outdoor warning siren for the Zion Chapel community.

August 31 - •Picture) Sutley's Furniture holds ribbon cutting ceremony at old Skinner's Furniture location on the square in downtown Elba. •Funding approved for water authority - \$6.2 million coming to county soon. •Charles B. Cole elected Mayor of New Brockton. •Former chief real property appraiser for county found guilty of DUI charge. •Elba man (Jimmie Lynn Hamilton, Jr. 43) drowns in swimming pool.

SEPTEMBER

September 7 - •Elba voters return to polls Tuesday - only voters in Districts 1, 3, 4 & 5 to vote. •First U. S. Hwy. 84 meeting set for September 1. •County grand jury hands down eighty-four indictments. •Kinston teenagers facing rape and

sodomy charges plus drug charges. •Picture) Waylon Sharpless presents a \$8,500 check to Mayor James Grimes on behalf of the Southeast Alabama Gas District - the monies will go toward the construction of the city's "spec building."

September 14 - •Winners (Burch, Culver, Spicer and Hammond) in Tuesday's run-off election. •Preparations for four-laning of U. S. 84 beginning. •Coffee County Schools' enrollment down 42 from last year's numbers. •New Brockton Town Council zips through long meeting agenda - elects to put garbage collection contract out for bid.

September 21 - •Governor makes brief visit to county pointing out the disparity of many rural bridges in Alabama. •Gammill re-elected as Coffee County Probate Judge. •John Coffee D.A.R. & Wiregrass S.A.R. Chapters honor Head and Till. •Elba City School Board battles finances and lunchroom problems.

September 28 - •County's FY-2000-2001 budget nears \$12 million - State offers commission \$500,000 for county's health facility. •Elba council votes to collect authorized penalties from counties on two uncompleted city projects. •County residents urged to pay garbage fees on or before Oct. 1.

OCTOBER

October 5 - •Historical council assumes leadership in New Brockton - Charles B. Cole sworn in as town's first African-American mayor. •New Elba City Council sworn in with Mayor James Grimes and Councilman Ronnie Hammond being the only returnees. •Congress okay's \$2 million for Elba and Geneva levees. •Opp man, Otis Lavagnn Daniels, age 22, charged in Elba shooting. •Gov. Siegelman awards \$48,560 grant to boost flood prevention project in Elba.

October 12 - •Deputies ask commission for pay raise. •Elba youth dies in vehicle-bicycle collision. •EPD officers and dispatchers receive letter of appreciation from citizen. •County BOE recognizes gifted students during recent meeting. •Picture) Grandmother and grandson have a close call when the vehicle they were in overturned on Co. Rd. 105 near the Roston Community.

October 19 - •U. S. Senator Richard Shelby says levee money enroute - The people of Elba and Geneva have waited long enough. •Elba schools score improvement on 2000 Writing Assessment. •Elba Police Department investigating shooting of two Elba men. •Picture) Elba police cruiser totaled - Officer Charles Driggers narrowly escapes serious injury.

October 26 - •County Commission okay's \$5,000 for Family Services - garbage collection becoming a problem. •County water authority receives \$6,000 from state. •Kinston man charged with domestic violence in the first degree in connection with an assault on his 5-month-old daughter. •Grand jury clears deputy sheriff of any criminal conduct in fatal crash.

NOVEMBER

November 2 - •Dorsey Trailers hires crisis management and turn around consulting firm. •U. S. Sen. announces final approval of funds for Elba and Geneva levees. •Drug arrests on grand jury indictments continue. •Death row inmate (Willie Simmons Jackson - alias Billie Boy) has Rule 32 hearing before Judge Head in Elba.

November 9 - •County's voters go with Republican Bush-Cheney Ticket for President - William Gammill, Mickey Counts and Kayo Lewis win in run-off election. •County schools' construction pro-

jects going well. •New Brockton Town Council's meeting lengthy - several grant applications discussed by council members. •Elba's Annual Christmas Festival and Parade set for Saturday, November 25.

November 16 - •Dorsey Trailers in financial strain - employees being asked to make sacrifice. •Picture) One-vehicle wreck on the Taylor Mill Road fatal to Gregory Kendall Crook, 38. •Coffee County Commission sworn in - Linda Westbrook elected to serve as chairman by fellow commissioners. •Russell William Cuts, Jr., 20, pleads guilty to double murder.

November 23 - •Elba City BOE updated on student testing. •Picture) Mickey Counts sworn in as new Circuit Clerk of Coffee County. •Elba High School Counselor Lynn Weeks receives state award. •Alabama State Troopers predict 17 will die during Thanksgiving holiday. •The downtown area of Elba is beginning to look a lot like Christmas as preparations are made for the annual Christmas Festival set for Saturday.

November 30 - •Dorsey Trailers employees notified of health insurance termination. •Elba City Council hears of problems with hunters shooting in residential areas. •New Brockton police arrest couple on drug trafficking charges. •Abducted Ohio children found in Coffee County returned to families.

DECEMBER

December 7 - •Response team organized to assist out-of-work Dorsey employees. •Dorsey Trailers files Chapter 11 bankruptcy. •Picture) Alberta Martin's Only Living Confederate widow's celebration held. •New Brockton Town Council meets police department's reserve officers and hears proposal from representatives of Enterprise State Junior College on new facility.

December 14 - •Coffee Commissioners express concerns on jail maintenance. •State Representative Terry Spicer receives appointment from Speaker. •MacArthur Tech to hold meeting for displaced Dorsey Trailers employees. •Charges of assault/domestic violence dismissed against Elba police officer. •Coffee County BOE members sworn in. •Orzak woman found dead in vehicle Tuesday - She was identified as Annette B. Young, age 32.

December 21 - •This was the Christmas issue of The Elba Clipper. The front page, as is tradition, featured Elba's Christmas Family. For 2000, the Reverend Jonas Rogers Family was selected. •Picture) were Reverend Rogers, his wife Virginia and their son Jonas Reymas, age 13. Not pictured was their daughter Shalandra, age 23.

December 28 - •This issue of The Elba Clipper reviewed events of the past year as recorded on the front pages of the paper.

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New Year